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O V E R V I E W

The Public Square of Dahlonega, Lumpkin County, Georgia is historically and continuously the gathering place of the community since the foundation of Lumpkin County in 1832 and the establishment of Dahlonega as the county seat in 1833. From its earliest days as the center of a rough gold mining town the Public Square has drawn the people to it in good times and bad; for happy, sometimes boisterous celebration and for solemn ceremony. The physical appearance of this place has evolved over the years changing to meet the needs of the community but never losing its own identity. Should a structure be lost to fire or decay another soon took its position keeping the unity of the Public Square intact.

The first public building on the site, a crude log structure (1832) was replaced by the old Lumpkin County Court House (1836), which is still the centerpiece of the Public Square. It is surrounded on four sides by ranges of privately owned commercial buildings dating from the 1880s through the 1940s. Victorian fancies stand side by side with more staid storefronts of the 1920s and 30s. There are a few modern structures of the 1940s. This odd collection of buildings, small and large, plain and fancy seems totally appropriate to the setting of a rural county seat in the mountains of North Georgia. Architecturally speaking there is no textbook example of any "pure style" to be seen anywhere on the Public Square. In most instances the original builders constructed in whatever manner seemed to them to be appropriate to the intended use of the structures, giving free interpretation to elements of style. Alterations abound. Some were dictated by a need to make repairs, others by change in use of the structures. And alterations continue because the Public Square is a living entity.

It is not possible to condense the story of 150 years to a few sentences. Folklore about the Public Square is abundant and fascinating. The inventory forms which are included in this survey provide at least an introduction to the stories these surviving structures have to tell. Interested persons may wish to read Andrew W. Cain's History of Lumpkin County, an invaluable source for information on the prominence of the Public Square in local history. It is important to emphasize that the vitality of the Public Square can be attributed directly to the efforts of individual citizens and groups of citizens over the years. At the present time preparations are underway for the celebration of the Sesquicentennial. Where? On the Public Square, of course!

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Americana Furniture Co. HISTORIC NAME: Joe Phillips' Store</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: #6 Public Square CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Wallace B.&Rose Clary MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2032</p> <p>CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533</p> <p>CURRENT USE: furniture store ACREAGE: 31x105 feet 1st Fl. display&sales/2nd Fl. display apt.</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: LL 950 Parcel 94</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey store/apartment over, of conventional modern type. Front facade 31 feet wide. Two large display windows with main entrance recessed between. Main entrance: double glass-paned doors. Flat roof. Exterior walls cement with textured stucco facing on front facade. Second door on front leads to enclosed stair to second floor display apartment. Present condition: excellent. Structure was completely rehabilitated by present owners in 1980. Exterior appearance essentially unchanged from original.</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: W.M.&B.B. Housley ORIGINAL USE: store/with living quarters over</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Joe Woodward HISTORIC ACREAGE:</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1980</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Built as a retail store facility and used in that capacity by a variety of businesses over the years. At one point a restaurant was operated here complimenting a bus service conducted by Fred Jones. Owned and operated as "Joe Phillips' Store" from 1940 until 1970. Currently in use as a furniture store.</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant as example of vernacular style in small town retail store of its period. Exterior wall finish (described in Part II above) is original and a curiosity. Building contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: Significant for association with "Papa Joe" Phillips, who operated typical old-time General Store here, complete with pot-bellied stove and gatherings of local men to discuss politics etc. Joseph H. Phillips (b. April 13, 1893 in Cumming, Ga. - d. May 24, 1978) came to Dahlonega in 1924. He went into general store business about 1928 and moved his business to this location in 1940, remaining until 1970. Died in Dahlonega.</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: N. B. Hilburn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia</p> <p>ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin County Records Dahlonega Nugget Local Residents: Mr.&Mrs. Charles Phillips (son of Joseph Phillips) Kate Greenwalt, manager of furniture store</p> <p>Source-1982 GMPD Survey</p>

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Mary's Mini Mall STREET ADDRESS: #8 Public Square PRESENT OWNER: Mary L. Miller CITY: Suches CURRENT USE: gift shops etc. U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: LL 950, Parcel 95 (N.E. 1/2 of 95)	HISTORIC NAME: WYXW W. A. Whitmire Store CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin MAILING ADDRESS: Highway 180 STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30572 ACREAGE: 27x105 feet U.T.M. REFERENCE:
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey brick store, conventional design of modern construction. Flat roof. Front: 27 feet wide. Large plate glass display windows on either side of recessed center entrance. Six long, narrow window lights of opaque glass running the width of the building just above the level of the marquee. The marquee extends forward over the sidewalk area and is supported by four posts. Alterations, primarily to the interior, made in 1978 to sub-divide store space in to several small shops on either side of a central hall. Present condition: good.	
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: W. A. Whitmire ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1935	ORIGINAL USE: general merchandise HISTORIC ACREAGE: DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1978 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The site on which this modern building stands is known historically as the site of the old Thomas XXXX Building. The Dahlonega Nugget, July 12th 1935 reported the Thomas Building being torn down by Mr. Whitmire to replace with a brick building. Since its construction the present building has been used as a retail store for a variety of businesses and is now in use as a "mini mall" to house several small shops: card shop; jewelery, antiques, gifts, etc.
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: This modern building is of little architectural interest except as it contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: no known historical significance.	
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: N. B. Hilburn ADDRESS: REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin County records Dahlonega Nugget local resident: Madeleine Anthony Source-1982 GMPD Survey	ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia TELEPHONE NUMBER:

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Town Square Bakery	HISTORIC NAME: Price Building
	STREET ADDRESS: Public Square	CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
	PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Mary B. Brannon	MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 373
	CITY: Roswell	STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30075
	CURRENT USE: commercial bakery	ACREAGE: 27x105 feet (1/2 city lot #95)
	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:	U.T.M. REFERENCE:
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: LL 950 Parcel 95		

II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey brick store/office building of Victorian type. Front facade is 27 feet wide. Two large display windows with main entry recessed between. The front displays Victorian decorative detailing: in handsome cornice with brackets at eave; on lintels over windows and doors. Entrance jamb contains carved name of builder: C. L. Mesaer, Evansville, Indiana. Interior (esp. 2nd floor) retains much of original trim. Second door on front leads to enclosed stair to 2nd floor offices. Present condition: poor/deteriorated. Structural problems evident. Roof leaks evident.
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III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: W. P. Price (Sr.)	ORIGINAL USE: store/offices over
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: C. L. Mesaer	HISTORIC ACREAGE:
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1897	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Original owner W.P. Price (b.1835-d.1908) was a distinguished prominent citizen of Dahlonega. As a U.S. Congressman he was instrumental in getting Dahlonega Mint buildings & grounds donated by U.S. Government for educational purposes, which lead to founding of N. Georgia College. Ownership of this building passed from father to son W. P. Price Jr. April 8, 1907. It is said a grocery operated in the store at that time. W. P. Price, Jr. sold the property in 1909 and ownership has changed many times up to the present. Various types of stores have been operated here. The 2nd floor has been used as professional offices or as apartments. It is said the store was used as a movie theater. Current use is as a bakery.		

IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: significant as an example of Victorian stylishness in a modest-sized commercial building. In its original state the front facade must have been very impressive. Much detail remains but in worn condition. As stated above, most interior detail on the 2nd floor is original, including six-inch wide pine flooring, transom, woodwork, stair rails etc. Historical: significant for its association with original owner, W. P. Price. Also significant as now the oldest survivor of the buildings on the south side of the public square.	

V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: N. B. Hilburn	ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia
	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
	REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none	
	SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin County records Dahlonega Nugget History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain Local Residents: Madeleine Anthony	

PROPERTY NAME: The Lodestone
STREET ADDRESS: Public Square
PRESENT OWNER: Jon Stone
CITY: Dahlonega
CURRENT USE: restaurant
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:

HISTORIC NAME: not applicable
CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
MAILING ADDRESS: Rt.#4, Box 255
STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
ACREAGE: 36ft.x105ft.
U.T.M. REFERENCE:

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL# 96 (portion)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey brick store building of modern construction, medium-rise false front continuation of brick front, plain. Front: 36 ft. wide. Two large display windows with recessed entry centered between. Entry: double doors with glass panels, transom over. Flat roofed shelter extends forward over sidewalk area, supported both by overhead rods attached to facade and by square porch posts, which have rustic braces at top. Steel door (now sealed) connected to next building. Of interest as an historical curiosity, the timbers used to construct this building were taken from structures of the Consolidated Gold Mine Co. These huge timbers can be seen at basement level of this building.
Present condition: Good

ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry W. Moore ORIGINAL USE: hardware store
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: See survey-inventory form #B
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1945 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The Dahlonega Nugget, February 9, 1945 reported Henry Moore was prepared to build a modern brick building on the site of the old Eagle Tavern (burned). (See survey-inventory form #B for details about this historic site). Henry W. Moore (b.1901-d.1959), second son of John H. Moore (See survey-inventory form#8 for biographical information), was owner-operator of "Henry W. Moore & Sons" hardware store here. He also owned and operated Ford dealership next door. After his death ownership of both stores passed to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore, who sold this building to present owner, Jon Stone. Building had been used for various store purposes and is now a restaurant.

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: The present modern building on the site is of little architectural interest except as it contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: no significance beyond being part of the site of the old Eagle Tavern.

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia

ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Present owner: Jon Stone
Dahlonega Nugget
Local residents: Madeleine Anthony, Mary E. Massey, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore

Source-1982 GMPD Survey

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Laurel Knob/Cindy's HISTORIC NAME: not applicable
 STREET ADDRESS: Public Square CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore MAILING ADDRESS: W. Main (College Ave.)
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: multi-use: jewelery shop/ dress shop/antiques/book store/crafts ACREAGE: 69ft.x105ft.
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LLs #97(all)`(portion)

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two-level brick commercial building of modern construction. Front: one storey elevation facing public square. Large display windows across front. Off center recessed entry. Shingled shed-roofed shelter extends forward over sidewalk area for entire length of front. Shelter supported by posts. Shelter gives neat rustic appearance to building to blend in with older structures. Rear: two storey elevation with access at lower level facing Choice St. Structure designed and built as "Fireproof", to include "Fireproof" vault. Interior: subdivided into several small shops on each level. Present condition: Good.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry W. Moore ORIGINAL USE: auto dealership/sales & service
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: (Eagle Tavern: all of City LLs #97 & #96)
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1948 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c.1970 facade others: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This site is of historic interest as the site of the Riley Hotel (or Eagle Tavern c1839) built by Harrison W. Riley (b.1804-d.1874). Later known as Besser Hotel (1873) when purchased by C.A. Besser (b.1811-d.1898), and later as Hall's Villa (1898) when purchased by Capt. F.W. Hall (b.1845-d.1901). Sometimes called The Wigwam. Later called Moore Hall when its use was donated by owner John H. Moore, as a dormitory for Lumpkin Co. male students attending N. Ga. College. In use as a dormitory when it burned down January 9, 1943, ending its long association with the Town's history. (1893-1943). The present building has been a car dealership, hardware store & now houses small shops.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Present building of little interest except as it contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: It is significant that the c1970 alterations were accomplished as part of a very ambitious project by the community to enhance the appearance of the public square. This project included: burying power lines; designing traffic flow and parking dividers; laying brick sidewalks and landscaping in addition to the individual property owners' efforts to spruce up facades in accord with the guidelines of the revitalization plan. Morrison Moore (then operating the hardware store in this building) provided much of the impetus to get the project completed.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain Page 9
 1970 Revitalization Study, by U. of Ga. students
 Local residents: Madeleine Anthony, Mary E. Massey,
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore, Nell Young

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Century 21/Woody's Barber Shop
 HISTORIC NAME: Lipscomb Drug Store
 STREET ADDRESS: Public Square
 CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Sue L. Jones
 MAILING ADDRESS: Century 21, P.O. Box 2071
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: real estate office/barber shop
 ACREAGE: City LL 27 & 28 (1/4 acre portion)
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL 27 & 28

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey frame double store (side-by-side) with low-rise false front exhibiting Victorian detail in cornice with brackets. Front facade 47 feet wide. The original structure, the drug store portion is about 2/3 of front width, having two large display windows with recessed entry between. The addition (now barber shop), attributed to owner John H. Moore, has a single glass-paned door flush with exterior of building and one large display window. The two shops are joined visually by a ribbon course of smaller horizontal windows extending full width of front, over the display windows and entrances. Alteration to facade is undetectable. Exterior: clapboard. Present condition: good

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: C. H. Jones, M.D. ORIGINAL USE: drug store
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: City LL 27 & 28
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1909 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: addition uncertain c. 1920
 others: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Original owner Dr. C.H. Jones (b.1855-d. 1912) had this drug store built to replace an earlier shop immediately next to his residence. (See survey-inventory form #7). Dr. Jones came to Dahlonega in 1880 and was a prominent citizen, physician and businessman. He participated in the organization of the public schools in 1898 serving on the first Board of Trustees. Later owner John H. Moore, another prominent citizen, made addition (?), first used it is said as doctor's office by Dr. Homer Head. Converted to barber shop 1924. D.H. Lipscomb, a pharmacist, opened Lipscomb Drug Store, which was in operation from 1923 to 1956. Woody's Barber Shop was established 1926. The drug store portion of the building has been used for other shop purposes and now serves as real estate office.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce/Social/Humanitarian LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant in its contribution to the unity of the public square (west side). Also furnishes a delightful example of an architectural device, the decorated false front, to add dignity and stature to a simple building. Historical: Significant for its association with original owner: Dr. C.H. Jones. Also significant for its long duration in the community as Lipscomb Drug store/Woody's Barber Shop. Typically, the barber shop still serves as a community gathering place for men. Local lore: Dahlonega Nugget, October 8, 1909, "While excavating for Dr. Jones' new building, a large gold vein has been struck".

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Mary E. Massey ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Copies of original deeds from present owner: Sue L. Jones
 Dahlonega Nugget
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain
 Local Residents: Madeleine Anthony, George Lipscomb

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Craft Realty Co. HISTORIC NAME: Jones House
 STREET ADDRESS: Public Square CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Glenn Conner MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 331
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: Realtor Office/
 Antiques ACREAGE: City LL #27, 28, 29
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL #27, 28, 29

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame Victorian house which exhibits elements of Queen Anne and Stick styling. This is an excellent example of its type since appearance is essentially unchanged from original. There is a verandah across the front supported by square posts and porch trim suggestive of Stick styling. The entry is sheltered by a forward projecting element of the building. This projection rises the full two storeys to a gable end contributing to typical Victorian changing directions in foof structure. There is photographic evidence suggesting that the portion of the verandah which extends around the south side was added later. Exterior door with stained glass & all interior doors are original. Present condition: Excellent. Completely renovated mid-1970s.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: C. H. Jones, M.D. ORIGINAL USE: doctor's office & dwelling
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: City LL #27, 28, 29
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1883-1885 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Original owner Dr. C. H. Jones had this house built for his own office and family dwelling after he moved to Dahlonega in 1880. He also had built a drug store immediately to the south side of his house (later torn down). In 1909 he had built the combined drug store/barber shop still standing to the south of the house (see inventory form #6). This house continued in use as a dwelling for members of the Jones family until approximately 1966. Dr. Jones was a prominent citizen, physician and businessman. In recent years the house has been used as arts&crafts shop/antiques store/realtor's office.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Social/Humanitarian/commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: significant as a well preserved example of a small town residence in Victorian style. The interior is particularly interesting in its original woodwork and trim. Fireplace mantels are original, constructed of Soapstone (True to the geographical area). Historical: significant for its association with original owner Dr. C. H. Jones. The location of the house adjoining the public square appears to be an apt choice of site to permit the doctor to attend to the health needs of his community both in his medical practice at his office and in the operation of the adjacent drug store.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Mary E. Massey ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 ADDRESS: Dahlonega, Georgia TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: present owner, Glenn Conner
 Mountain Signal, 1882, pg. 3, col. 4
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain
 Antiques & Crafts Gazette, Fall 1979
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Don's Market HISTORIC NAME: Hall's Block
 STREET ADDRESS: #19 Public Square CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Georgia
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Robert M. Moore MAILING ADDRESS: W. Main St. (College Ave)
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: grocery store ACREAGE: City LL #18 (1/8 acre)
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL# 18

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey substantial brick mercantile building of Victorian style, predominantly Italianate in feeling. Front: aprox. 40 feet wide. Front facade shows refinement in proportion and in detail of brickwork and in decorative treatment of windowheads and in heavy cornice with bracketing under the overhanging eave at the roofline. Building name, "Hall's Block" appears in raised letters on cornice. Flagpole is mounted on roof at center of facade, still topped with original eagle windvane. Four windows evenly spaced on 2nd floor level. Symetry of four tall glass doors and other decorative details lost at 1st floor level through alteration to standard grocery store windows with band of glass blocks at mezzanine level. Shingled shelter added 1979. Present condition: good.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Capt. Frank W. Hall ORIGINAL USE: mercantile store
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: 2 acres (included properties on inventory forms #9 & #10)
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1880-1883 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c1940 grocery windows
 c1979 shelter
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Capt. Frank W. Hall (b.1845-d.1901), who owned two acres of the property on the northwest corner of the public square, was responsible for the construction of this building (Hall's Block), the small office next door (Housley's Shoe Store. See inventory form #9), and the next adjacent apartment building (Hall House. See inventory form #10) during the period 1880-1883. Records indicate that construction of the second floor of Hall's Block was begun in 1882 and the building completed in 1883. A very interesting artifact, company letterhead (See copy attached) shows "Frank W. Hall Mercantile Company, Incorporated 1882". (Historical Narrative continued on attachment)

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: significant as an example of Victorian style in a commercial building. In addition to the refinement of facade noted in Part II above, the building retained other original elements of interest. There is a full basement with original bars on windows. The first floor exterior doors were equipped with security doors; steel with iron reinforcements, double doors, of which one remains in place (and in use) on the rear door. College students were prompted to comment that "Hall's Block" makes a good jail" as reported in the newspaper February 23, 1883. The interior open stairway to the second floor with decorative metal railing is original. This building is a significant landmark on the public square. (Narrative continued on attachment)

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: M. E. Massey ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce
 Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin Co. Deed Books: "T"-pg.103; "M-1"-pg.258; "N-1"-pg.56; "W-1", pg92
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain Page 12
 Memoirs of Georgia, pg. 471
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey local residents: Madeleine Anthony, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore

PART III. HISTORY (continued): The letterhead pictures a building, apparently identical in design to "Hall's Block", but which is identified as "J. H. Warner, 87 John Street, New York". What connection may have existed between the two firms is not known at present. Did Capt. Hall copy a building he liked? Or were the same building plans used for both buildings? We don't know. Records indicate that this building was used as the Post Office for a short period in 1881. However, its primary use was mercantile, including serving as the "Commissary" for the North Georgia College of Agriculture (now North Georgia College). In 1919 ownership of "Hall's Block" was transferred from Capt. Hall's widow to John H. Moore (b. 1870-d.1954). Mr. Moore operated a grocery/mercantile business in the building until the property was transferred to his son Robert M. Moore (b.1899-d.1973) in 1944. The building has continued its grocery/mercantile function up to the present. Ownership remains in the Moore family.

PART IV. SIGNIFICANCE (continued): significant for its association with original owner Frank W. Hall. He was born in Jericho, Vermont in 1845. He came to Dahlonega in 1868 as a millwright representative of a Boston, Massachusetts company. He supervised erection of gold mining mills and machinery during the post Civil War "Gold Rush". Capt. Hall stayed in Dahlonega becoming a successful businessman and an influential member of the community. In addition to his mercantile business he operated a hotel in "Hall House" (See inventory form #10) and acquired another hostelry in 1898 when he purchased the old Riley Hotel, renaming it "Hall's Villa" (See inventory form #B). Capt. Hall was appointed Postmaster in 1876. He represented Lumpkin County in the Georgia State Legislature in 1888 and served as Mayor of Dahlonega that same year. He was instrumental in establishing the State Geological Survey. He served as a Captain in the local militia. He was equally active in concerns of church and schools, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Georgia College at the time of his death of typhoid fever in 1901 at Ingleside, Georgia. Other buildings, still standing, constructed by Frank W. Hall include: the "New" Jail on Crane's Hill c. 1884, and "The Smith House" c. 1899 (See inventory form #19). "Hall's Block" is of further historical significance in its relationship to the next owner John H. Moore, another prominent citizen of a later generation. "Papa Moore", John Hattaway Moore (b.1870-d.1954) as a young man in his early teens was left with the care of six younger brothers and sisters when the parents died. In order to keep the family together he quit school and went to work. At one time he helped in the construction of "Hall's Block", carrying brick for a reported 25¢ per day. (In September, 1919 he bought "Hall's Block"). At 21 he was elected Lumpkin County Clerk of Superior Court, the youngest man to ever serve in this office. He served at various dates as: Trustee in the city school system, Chairman of the Roads & Revenue Department, and as a county commissioner. In later life he sponsored a scholarship at N. Ga. College for Lumpkin County students, and donated the old Riley Hotel (Eagle Tavern) for use as a dormitory for Lumpkin County students. He operated "Moore's Store", general merchandize, until he sold the property to his eldest son, Robert M. Moore in 1944. Robert McClure Moore (b.1899-d.1973) owned Moore's Store and Moore's Apartments until his death in 1973 when ownership passed to his widow, the present owner. Robert M. Moore was a very influential businessman and at one time owned approximately 1/3 of the city acreage, concentrated around the city square. He was also influential in the development of the Methodist retreat center, "Camp Glisson" located just north of Dahlonega.

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In reply to yours of

Dahlonega, Ga.

1888

Reads:
H. Warner, 87 John St., N.Y.
(legible on original)

Clipping from the
newspaper "Dahlonega Nugget"
advertising "Hall House"

HALL HOUSE, Dahlonega, Ga.,

J. E. CASTLEBERRY, Proprietor.

Rates: \$2.00 per day, \$7.00 per week,
\$25.00 per month. HOT and COLD
BATHS.

2-10-1899

Nugget

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Dahlonega, Ga. Sept. 15, 1884

M. J. West Woody

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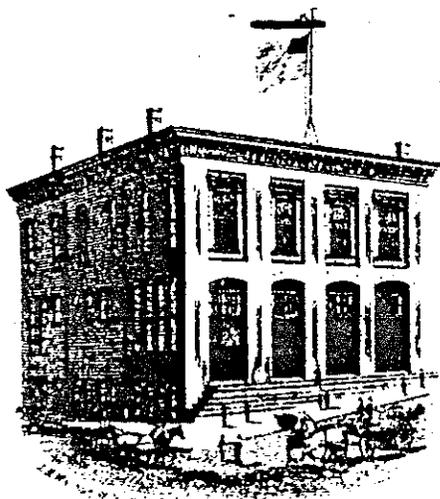
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I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Robert M. Moore Apt. Bldg
 Daisy Patch/Edie's
 HISTORIC NAME: Hall House
 (also called Hall's Hotel)
 STREET ADDRESS: #20 Public Square
 CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Robert M. Moore
 MAILING ADDRESS: W. Main St. (College Ave.)
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: residential/2nd floor
 gift shops/1st floor
 ACREAGE: City LL #19 (1/8 acre)
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL #19

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey substantial frame hotel building of Victorian style, mixed elements, predominantly Mansardic in feeling. Front: aprox. Roof at attic level has Mansardic slope on front elevation and has four dormer windows. At the 2nd storey level a verandah extends full width of building. Verandah has some gingerbread detail on wooden porch posts. Bay window on west side. Ground level has two raised entry ways with wood, panelled double doors/glass panes upper half. Large shop windows. Fenestration not formally balanced. Metal posts (added or altered) support verandah from ground. Exterior: clapboard. Full elevation fire wall added east side 1886. Present condition: appearance good, structure fair.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Capt. Frank W. Hall ORIGINAL USE: dwellig/apartments
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: (See inventory form #8)
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1881 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1886 Firewall
 others: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Capt. Frank W. Hall built "Hall House" to serve as a dwelling for his own family and to serve as transient residence for others. (See inventory form #8 for biographical information on Capt. Hall). Precise date of construction not yet documented. Name was changed to Moore Apartments in 1944 under ownership of Robert M. Moore. Building continues its residential function with small gift shops operating on first floor. Ownership remains in the Moore family.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce/Social LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant as vernacular interpretation of Victorian styling, contributes picturesque quality to the public square. Much original detail remains: stained glass borders in windows; doors, woodwork and gingerbread trim. Mansardic effect of roof dormers partially obscured by re-working of dormer roofs (probably to correct leaking. date of alteration unknown). The massive firewall of 1886 is of interest. Historical: Significant for association with owners and tenants, who were prominent in local history and as site of socially significant events. (See inventory form #8 for biographical information on Robert M. Moore). In August of 1893 the Reverend Issac W. Waddell (Historical Narrative continued on attachment)

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Mary E. Massey ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin Co. Deed Book "T"-pg.103, "W-1", pg.92 Page 16
 Mountain Signal, September 2, 1898, columns 3-5
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey
 Local Residents: Madeleine Anthony, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Moore

PART III

PART IV. SIGNIFICANCE(continued): newly elected President of North Georgia College, arrived in Dahlonega and subsequently took up residence at Hall House until he departed the area in September of 1898. An event of note in the newspaper of March 30, 1897 reported that Former Vice-President, the Honorable Adlai E. Stephenson spoke to cadets formed in line in front of Hall House, where a large number of citizens had gathered to pay their respects. Other news commentary states that many prominent men from the surrounding counties come to enjoy the hospitality of Hall House when in Dahlonega. This building shows frequently as a backdrop to public events on the square in surviving photographic documentation.

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Fred Jones Building	HISTORIC NAME: not applicable
	STREET ADDRESS: Public Square	CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
	PRESENT OWNER: Estate of XXXX Fred Jones, Jr.	MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5
	CITY: Dahlonega	STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
	CURRENT USE: antiques mall	ACREAGE: 45ft.x109ft.
	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:	U.T.M. REFERENCE:
	V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL #17	

II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey brick commercial building, conventional structure for auto dealership, sales and service function, of modern construction. Flat roof. Large display windows on either side of wide double door center entrance. Plain front. No ornamental details. Present condition: good.
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III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Fred Jones	ORIGINAL USE: Chevrolet dealership
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE: 45ft.x109ft.
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1946	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: none known
	HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Built by Fred Jones as a Chevrolet dealership in 1946 and operated in that capacity until 1974. Now in use as an antiques mall. Interim use: various small businesses for short periods.	

IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: This modern building is of little architectural interest except as it contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: no known historical significance.	

V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn	ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia
	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
	REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none	
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: son of present owner: Rick Jones local resident: Madeleine Anthony		

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: 2nd Chance HISTORIC NAME: not applicable
 STREET ADDRESS: Public Square CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Melvin Bruce MAILING ADDRESS:
 CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:
 CURRENT USE: 2nd hand shop ACREAGE:
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey tiny shop building. Flat roof. Total alteration to facade c. 1980 completely destroyed original character of this brick building. Present appearance: crude attempt at rusticity with rough beams outlining perimeter of building and surrounding single display window. Rough plank door. Present condition: Good

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: unknown ORIGINAL USE: unknown
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE:
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1935 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c. 1980 total alteration
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The present appearance of this building bears no relationship to its earlier history. It was at one time the office of the Dahlonega Nugget. Later, for a considerable period of time it was Carter's Barber Shop. After Mr. Carter retired, a new owner made a mis-guided attempt to devise a facade evocative of the gold prospecting history of the town, to supply tourists with panning equipment, souvenirs, etc. This business was short-lived. Currently the shop is used as a 2nd hand shop.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: No significance except as it contributes to the unity of the public square. Historical: No significance except as sites noted in Part III above.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Local Resident: Madeleine Anthony

Source-1982 GMPD Survey

PROPERTY NAME: Mrs. Plum's/Wahoo Valley Pottery/Sargent Building
 STREET ADDRESS: Public Square
 PRESENT OWNER: Dale & Diane Solomich
 CITY: Atlanta
 CURRENT USE: retail shops, 1st floor/
 residential, 2nd floor
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:

HISTORIC NAME: Sargent Building
 CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 MAILING ADDRESS: 3321 W. Shadowlawn Ave., N. E.
 STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30305
 ACREAGE: lot size: 50'x82.8'
 U.T.M. REFERENCE:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame commercial building of vernacular style with mixed elements: some suggestive of neo-colonial approach; others, of carpenter gothic in decorative detail. Hip roof with large dormers on side elevations; gable dormer on front elevation suggestive of pediment above two storey verandah, which extends full width of front. Grouping of three windows in gable end. Porch posts on 2nd floor have decorative braces at top. Window/door arrangements not symmetrical either floor. Exterior walls: clapboard. Present condition: fair to poor.

ORIGINAL OWNER: John Franklin Sargent ORIGINAL USE: stores with residence above
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John Franklin Sargent HISTORIC ACREAGE: lot size: 109'x121'
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1908 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The site on which this building stands at the northeast corner of the public square, at the corner of N. Park St. has been known as: the Bruce Stand; Wimpy Lot; Sargent Building; Cartledge's Drug Store and Head Corner. The present structure was built in 1908 by John F. Sargent, who was Sheriff at the time. In 1925 it became the residence, office and drug store of Dr. Homer Head, physician of N. Ga. College and his wife, Nina Mc Clure Head ("Aunt Nina"), daughter of Robert Bowen Mc Clure at one time a state senator. Over the years a variety of businesses have occupied the first floor shops. Dr. Head's office was in the east elevation (now a candy shop). The residential 2nd floor has housed families, college students and others.

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce/Social/Humanitarian LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Despite its total lack of architectural "pedigree" this building has a homey grace and charm all its own, which contributes significantly to the ambience of the public square. Historical: significant for its association with original owner John F. Sargent and later for its association with the Heads, Dr. Homer Head and "Aunt Nina". It is said that "Aunt Nina" was instrumental in getting N. Ga. College to gold leaf the spire of Price Memorial Hall, a dazzling landmark in the community and a constant reminder of the Dahlonega Gold heritage.

FORM PREPARED BY: Anne Blount ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce / ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia

ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: daughters of original owner John F. Sargent: Mrs. Keith & Mrs. Smith
 present owners: Dale & Diane Solomich
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain

Source-1982 GMPD Survey
 Atlanta Journal/Constitution series "Georgia's 25 Historic Mothers",
 "Aunt Nina"(Head), 4-25-76

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Chamber of Commerce HISTORIC NAME: Crawford House
 STREET ADDRESS: 114 N. Park St. CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Norman Adams MAILING ADDRESS: 112 N. Park St.
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: Chamber of Commerce ACREAGE: 65.4ft.x102.12ft.
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL #12 (portion)

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame store building with living quarters over, of vernacular style. Gable end front to street with 2nd storey porch in gable extending over sidewalk. Porch also extends around corner to north side of building. Plain square posts support porch at both ground level and 2nd storey. Fenestration symmetrical both floors. Exterior clapboard. Present condition: Fair to Poor.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: undetermined ORIGINAL USE: store/dwelling above
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: 65.4ft.x102.12ft.
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c 1880 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c 1899 enclosed porch changed
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The Mountain Signal, January 2, 1880 carries an ad for Gurley & Crawford, General Merchandise, at the "N.E. corner of the Public Square". Who owned the property at that time is not yet documented. It is documented that H.D. Gurley was the owner in 1899 as reported in the newspaper on a controversy about the "enclosed porch" overhanging the sidewalk (the porch is not now enclosed). The present owner, Norman Adams purchased the property from Luther Head in 1966. Mr. Head had purchased from Mrs. W.T. Henderson in 1948. The shop has been used for various businesses. The Chamber of Commerce has occupied the shop since the mid-1950s.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant as an example of vernacular style preference for gable end fronts to buildings, and the interest in 2nd storey porches. Significant also for supporting the unity of the public square in an adjacent side street location. Historical: Significant for its long use as a commercial building and for its association with H.D. Gurley, who was the Vice-President of the Bank of Dahlonega at the time of its founding in 1901.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Anne Blount ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 ADDRESS: Dahlonega, Georgia
 TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Present owner: Norman Adams
 Dahlonega Nugget
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey Local resident: Madeleine Anthony

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Nix Grocery
 STREET ADDRESS: 112 N. Park St.
 PRESENT OWNER: Nelson A. Nix
 CITY: Dahlonega
 CURRENT USE: grocery store
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL 2 (portion)

HISTORIC NAME: W. H. Jones Mercantile Co./
 Nix Grocery
 CITY: Dahlonega
 MAILING ADDRESS: 112 N. Park St.
 STATE: Georgia
 ACREAGE: City LL 2 (portion)
 U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 COUNTY: Lumpkin
 ZIP CODE: 30533

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame store building with living quarters over, of vernacular style. Gable end front to street with 2nd storey porch in gable end, extending over sidewalk. At first glance the Nix building bears a close family resemblance to its neighbor on the north side (See survey-inventory form #13). However, stylistically the Nix building appears to be older and much cruder in its architectural conception. The exterior is clapboard. The roof is tin. No apparent alterations. Present condition: Poor (Perilous might be more accurate)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: undetermined
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: uncertain c. 1899

ORIGINAL USE: (?) saloon, mercantile store
 HISTORIC ACREAGE: City LL 2 (portion)
 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): (Note: this narrative is in reverse order, from present to past). The present owner, Mr. Nelson Nix, a nonagenarian, has been in business at this location since 1936. His store is fondly regarded as a living museum. The premises appear unchanged since the late 30s/early 40s, and given Mr. Nix's age, the age of the building and fixtures, the impression is suggested of a much older General Store. Tourists are often surprised to find they are not in a museum but a "real" old store. Prior owner was W.H. Jones who operated mercantile business here before 1900. Mr. Nix bought property from Jones' widow. Folklore says a saloon operated here but this use is not yet documented.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Very significant, both outside and in, as it contributes to the character and unity of the public square. Crude as it is, this store is "the real thing". Historical: Perhaps additional dogged research will uncover a much earlier history for this building. However, its significance in association with Mr. Nix for almost 50 years will not be diminished. In his own way going about his store business day after day, he has kept something special for the rest of us. The W.H. Jones Mercantile Co. identification remains with this property in the documentation because there have been no recent transactions.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn for
 Anne Blount
 ADDRESS:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION:
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey

ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 Dahlonega, Georgia
 TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 Present owner: Nelson A. Nix
 Atlanta Journal, 8 May 1979
 Dahlonega Nugget
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Moore Building/
Buttercup/Nature's Cellar
STREET ADDRESS: 110 N. Park St.
(old name=Market St.)
PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. John H. Moore
CITY: Dahlonega
CURRENT USE: sandwich shop/health food
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL# 2 (portion)

HISTORIC NAME: Meaders Bros. Building/
Bank of Lumpkin Co./U.S. Post Office
CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
MAILING ADDRESS: Skyline Drive
STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
ACREAGE: 38ft.x42½ft.
U.T.M. REFERENCE:

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey (plus blind attic) brick commercial building of vernacular design. Flat roof. Plain cornice at top of facade. 2nd floor level has five single windows, evenly spaced. Horizontal band trim across front above 1st floor level. Five window/door openings on first floor level are also evenly spaced but are wider and very much taller in dimension: one double size window at each end, and three double doors centered, all with large transoms over. Center entry is open wooden stair to second floor. Two other doors are main entry for two stores (one north end/one south end) on first floor. Flagpole still mounted on roof over old post office location. Present condition Fair. Evidence of roof leaks and cracks in brickwork

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Frank & Robert Meaders ORIGINAL USE: bank/post office
~~ARCHITECT~~/BUILDER: B.R. Meaders & Sons HISTORIC ACREAGE: 38ft.x42½ft.
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1914-1916 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The Dahlonega Nugget, May 29, 1914 announced plans for construction of a building by B.R. Meaders & Sons, after the 8 May 1914 issue had indicated the purpose of the building was to be the post office. Upon completion, the Bank of Lumpkin Co. occupied the north end, the U.S. Post Office the south end. "Mr. Bob" Meaders was President of the bank at that time. The bank stayed till its 1924 merger with the Bank of Dahlonega. The Post Office stayed till its move to the WOW building (See survey-inventory form #12). Other uses included: bus station (Fred Jones), barbershop, doctor's office, drug store, and telephone exchange. Currently houses sandwich shop and health food store. John H. Moore purchased in the 1940s. Presently owned by his widow, Jean.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant in its contribution to the unity of the public square. Interior: original pattered tin ceilings in place. Historical: Significant to the life of the community in its original functions as bank/post office. Also significant for relationship to the Meaders. Margaret Meaders, daughter of "Mr. Bob" has written numerous interesting and entertaining articles about Dahlonega, published in the magazine section of the Atlanta Journal & Constitution. "From Meaders Corner" highlights living on the public square (11-14-76). Another "How Mr. Bob Foiled the Bank Robber" (Oct 9, 1955) is a fond recollection of her father and his role in the history of Dahlonega.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Anne Blount ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
Dahlonega, Georgia
ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Present owner: Jean Moore
Dahlonega Nugget
Magazine, Atlanta Journal & Constitution (Margaret Meaders)
Local residents: Madeleine Anthony, Erwin Owens

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Woodmen of the World (WOW) Building HISTORIC NAME: not applicable</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: 116 N. Park St. CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Woodmen of the World MAILING ADDRESS: 116 N. Park St.</p> <p>CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533</p> <p>CURRENT USE: WOW/antique shop ACREAGE: aprox. 1/8 acre</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL 12 (portion)</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey substantial brick commercial building of modern construction. Gable end faces street. First floor store area has large plate glass display windows either side of center entrance. Second floor meeting rooms, entry on side. Present condition: Very Good.</p>
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: WOW ORIGINAL USE: WOW 2nd Fl./U.S. Post Office 1st Fl</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: not applicable</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1941 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): This building was built by the Woodmen of the World to provide a meeting place on the 2nd floor with rental space on the 1st floor. In February of 1942 the WOW got a U.S. Post Office lease to run for two consecutive ten year periods.(1942-1962). Since that time the first floor has been used for various retail businesses. Since the late 1970's it has housed an antiques store.</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant in that it complements its older neighbors, preserving the character of the town. In fact, the selection of this building to be included in the current survey (and numbered #12 on the survey map) was that it appeared to fit within the 1933 upper limit for date of construction. Historically: Significant for its long tenure as U.S. Post Office. Also significant for the place of WOW in a forrest community.</p>
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: Anne Blount ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia</p> <p>ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: WOW: Carl Southwell Local Resident: Madeleine Anthony</p> <p>Source-1982 GMPD Survey</p>

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Parks Clothing	HISTORIC NAME: Rev. Goodman Hughes House	
	STREET ADDRESS: 110 E. Main St. (Clarkesville St.)	CITY: Dahlonega	COUNTY: Lumpkin
	PRESENT OWNER: Woodrow Parks	MAILING ADDRESS:	
	CITY: Dahlonega Jasper	STATE: Georgia	ZIP CODE: 30533
	CURRENT USE: clothing store/house	ACREAGE: 1/8 acre	
	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:	U.T.M. REFERENCE:	
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LLs #87 & #89			

II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame house of vernacular design. House is L-shaped with long side parallel to street as front. El probably a later addition. Gable roof. There is a recessed porch at the second storey level centered on the front facade, apparently original (shows in early photos). Store entry below with modern display window. Modern metal sunshade suspended over display window by overhead rods attached to building. El: two storey porch on inner side; one storey narrow outshut added to outer side. (probably to accomodate indoor plumbing). Exterior: clapboard. Present condition: Fair.
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III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Jeremiah Payne	ORIGINAL USE: dwelling
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown	HISTORIC ACREAGE: unknown
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c1860	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: several unknown
	HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Jeremiah Payne, a gold miner, sold this house & property to T.C. Amory Dexter August 13, 1860. The property passed through several owners before B.R. Meaders sold it to Goodman Hughes in 1878. In an 1866 letter Goodman Hughes had indicated to Col. Boyd that he wished to return to Dahlonega and go in business because travelling as a circuit preacher had become too much for him. An ad in the Mt. Signal October 30, 1879 announced G. Hughes in General Store business on Clarksville St. opposite the Masonic Bldg. (this house) In 1898 Goodman McGuire rented "Hughes old stand". In 1899 McGuire bought the property from Hughes' Executor. It continued in store use as General Store, grocery and presently clothing.	

IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant as a survivor. It is difficult to warm to this house in its present all-over Mocha brown color. (The only visual relief offered comes from dull-yellow non-functional shutters added front) Recessed porch is interesting feature. Historical: Significant for its long association with Rev. Goodman Hughes, a Methodist minister, pastor of the Dahlonega church in 1863 & in 1867-8. He served as a circuit preacher for an extended period. Rev. Goodman Hughes (b1811-d.1899) was very active in the community, a beloved elderly man at the time of his death at age 88. As an historical note about this house, it was covered in wet quilts to save it when its neighbor, the Burnside Hotel burned down in December 1905.	

V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn for Mary Gallant	ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia
	ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
	REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none	
	SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Lumpkin Co. Deed Books: "P", pg255, "M-1", pg500(para 2) Page 27 Mt. Signal History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain Source-1982 GMPD Survey Local resident: Madeleine Anthony, Anne Blount	

I. IDENTIFICATION	<p>PROPERTY NAME: Le An's Savings</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: N. Meaders St. (N. Derrick St.)</p> <p>PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Dock Butler</p> <p>CITY: Dahlonega</p> <p>CURRENT USE: flea market</p> <p>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:</p> <p>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER:</p>	<p>HISTORIC NAME: Mason's Produce</p> <p>CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS: N. Meaders St.</p> <p>STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533</p> <p>ACREAGE:</p> <p>U.T.M. REFERENCE:</p>
II. DESCRIPTION	<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame store building with living quarters over of vernacular style. Low pitch gable roof, gable end front. Two storey porch on front (west) wraps around corner to north side full length. Outside stair on north side ascends to 2nd floor porch. Porch supported by posts with decorative braces at topmost level. Latticework fill-in on porch and on outside stair railing. Front has center door, both floors with single window on each side of door. Exterior clapboard. Condition: Fair</p>	
III. HISTORY	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: undetermined</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c 1900</p> <p>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):</p>	<p>ORIGINAL USE: store</p> <p>HISTORIC ACREAGE:</p> <p>DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown</p>
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce</p> <p>LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local</p> <p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecture: Significant as a picturesque example of vernacular style in rural general store. This building is located on a side street approximately two to three blocks away from the public square. It is directly across the street from the state recognized historic site: "The Mustering Grounds" (privately owned). Historical: no known significance</p>	
V. SOURCES	<p>FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn for Mary Gallant</p> <p>ADDRESS:</p> <p>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none</p> <p>SOURCES OF INFORMATION:</p> <p>ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT Dahlonega, Georgia</p> <p>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</p>	

I. IDENTIFICATION
 PROPERTY NAME: A. G. Wimpy Co./Wimpy Bros. HISTORIC NAME: Baker Law Office
 STREET ADDRESS: S. Park St. CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: A. G. Wimpy Co./Wimpy Bros. MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 35/ P.O. Box 577
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: construction companies ACREAGE: S. E. 1/4 city lot
 offices
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL #94 (S. E. 1/4)

II. DESCRIPTION
 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: One storey small frame office building of vernacular style. Built as professional offices, this small building (aprox. 25'x18') is basically two rooms joined in the middle by an open (now altered) but sheltered outside raised entryway. Tall hip roof. Exterior walls: clapboard. Foundation: local stone, dry wall (now repaired and cement added). Alterations of 1978 to renovate building for current use: some repairs, new roof, fill-in of entryway & front door added, non-functional shutters added. Interior redecorated in modern style. Present condition: appearance, good; structure fair. Bowing of exterior north wall evidence of structural problem.

III. HISTORY
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. H. C. Whelchel (?) ORIGINAL USE: doctor's office
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: S. E. 1/4 city lot
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: uncertain c.1890 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1978 renovation
 others: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Fixing dates for this building is unsatisfactory. Records establish this building as used by Dr. Whelchel for his office. However it is known from newspaper account that Dr. Whelchel came to Dahlonega in April 1886 but did not own this property at that time. It is possible (but not proven) that this building already existed as rental property. It is certain Dr. Whelchel owned this property and office when he sold it to Rufe H. Baker 22 March 1901. Dr. Whelchel left Dahlonega in April 1905. It is said Col. Baker used this building as his law office but for what period is unknown. A. G. Wimpy purchased in 1941. Used for various rental purposes until 1978 renovation as office.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE
 N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Social/Humanitarian LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant but frustrating as an example of architectural sophistication by architect/builder unknown in achieving dignified appearance for a small building through skillful use of proportion and scale. Historical: Significant for its association with Col. Rufus Henry Baker(b d.1933) a distinguished lawyer and prominent citizen. He formed a law partnership with the Honorable W. P. Price in February 1878. He was among citizens taking a prominent part in planning the reconstruction after fire destroyed the N. Georgia College main building (the former Dahlonega Mint)in December 1878. Col. Baker was appointed U. S. Commissioner in 1887. Later served two terms inthe General Assembly: 1909 & 1925.

V. SOURCES
 FORM PREPARED BY: N. B. Hilburn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Office of present owners: A. G. Wimpy Co./Wimpy Bros. Page 29
 Lumpkin County Records
 Mt. Signal
 History of Lumpkin County by Andrew W. Cain
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: The Smith House
 (complex of 3 buildings)
 HISTORIC NAME: The Smith House
 STREET ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St. CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Fred R. Welch, Jr. MAILING ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St.
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: family style restaurant/
 country hotel ACREAGE: City LLs 109, 110, 120, &121= 1 acre
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LLs 109, 110, 120, &121

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame Victorian house which exhibits elements of Queen Anne styling. Original styling obscured by numerous alterations, additions and changes over the years to adapt structure to commercial use as famous and popular family style restaurant/country hotel. Basic structure L-shaped with Two storey diagonal structural element introduced at intersection of L. Second story open porch in diagonal. Gable ends have decorative shingle covering. First floor verandah wraps around three sides. Modern alteration to provide protected entry to basement level dining rooms includes local stone work. Some original windows with stained glass borders remain. Present condition: Excellent

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Capt. Frank W. Hall ORIGINAL USE: dwelling
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: 1 acre
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1899 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: numerous unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Capt. Frank W. Hall built this house to be his own residence. However, he lived here for a relatively short time before he departed Dahlonega in 1900. (See survey-inventory form #8 for biographical information on Capt. Hall). The name "Smith House" so long attached to this property comes from the H. B. Smith family who started the hotel operation. Since 1922 the "Smith House" has continued to offer its country style hospitality under the proprietorship, in turn, of: Henry & Bessie Smith, W. B. Fry, Fred & Thelma Welch, and currently Fred, Jr. & Shirley Welch.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant mostly in its character as a comfortable, old, rambling country hotel, becoming an increasingly rare example. Its setting in a small town (one block off the public square) draws thousands (literally) of visitors to sit on the lawn, or rock on the verandah awaiting their turn to eat "family style". The grounds, lawns, trees, shrubs compliment the simple setting, nothing spectacular and a little worn, but comforting. Historical: Significant as a survivor from a period (as recent as the 1930s) when travel in this mountainous region was extremely difficult and towns had hotels of this type (more like a boarding house than a commercial hotel) to accomodate travellers. (Historical Narrative continued on attachment)

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 ADDRESS: Dahlonega, Georgia TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Present owner: Fred Welch, Jr. Page 30
 Lumpkin Co. Deed Books: "W-1"pg.94, "X-1"pg181, "I-2"pps 544, 545
 "W-2"pps 583, 584
 Source-1982 GMPD Survey Local residents: Madeleine Anthony, Vernon Smith

PART IV. SIGNIFICANCE (continued): Henry Benjamin Smith (b.1878-d.1958) and his wife Bessie Bowen Smith (b.1883-d.1939) were the founders of the Smith House. According to their son Vernon Smith, his parents got started taking in tourists after the old Tate Hotel was torn down and summer visitors had no place to stay. That was in 1922. Vernon Smith remembers that visitors would come to spend a week or two. There were also a few transient guests. No doubt Mrs. Smith's skill as an excellent cook brought many return visitors and broadcast the reputation of the Smith House. In addition Mrs. Smith was responsible for training other fine cooks including Virstee Howell, later employed by N. Ga. College., and Mary Strickland., thus providing career opportunities these young people might not otherwise have had. Judge Smith was responsible for the general management of the Smith House, which he continued until his wife's death in 1939. The Welch family has continued the Smith House tradition for good food in pleasant surroundings so that the establishment now has a national reputation.

FOLKLORE: As a sidelight to history, stories do not agree as to why Capt. Hall left Dahlonega in 1900 so shortly after having completed construction on his new house. Some say that he encountered a rich vein of gold while excavating the basement for this house but the city fathers would not let him set up mining operations on a city lot. Some say Capt. Hall wanted to install a Septic Tank system for his house and the city fathers would not permit it. A timely clipping from the Dahlonega Nugget, November 3, 1899 is attached. You decide! Perhaps the gold rush fever which hit Dahlonega for the third time in 1900 was the deciding factor. We don't know.



Habington Nugget

Nov 3, 1899.

Capt. Hall's workmen while excavating the cellar for his new ware house on the corner of Chestnut and Water streets, just across the street from R. H. Webb's lot, struck a rich gold bearing vein several feet wide, depth not known. The gravel about the vein shows up exceedingly well in the pan. The vein is one that Mr. Clark, the magnetic man pointed out to Mr. Webb last summer; as yet they have had no opportunity for testing the ore by means of the mill; but judging from the appearance of the ore it must be worth from \$5.00 to \$50.00 per ton, and probably more than that if they would go a few feet deeper. The vein crosses the street and runs through what is known as the old Kelly lot, where gold has been found for the last forty years. Capt. Hall informs us that he will not develop it. One reason that it is under the building and on a town lot and another that he hasn't got any time to spend in working gold mines, but Mr. Webb feels highly elated at the discovery as he has been prospecting for it for some time and now feels satisfied that Mr. Clark has the "Dip" to locate veins, and as there are two veins already located on his (Webb's lot) he intends to have them opened up in a short time and get some more of those 14 dwt. nuggets like those already found on his lot.

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: The Smith House
 (complex of 3 buildings)
 STREET ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St.
 HISTORIC NAME: Capt. Hall's Carriage House
 CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
 PRESENT OWNER: Fred R. Welch, Jr.
 MAILING ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St.
 CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
 CURRENT USE: hotel sleeping quarters/
 office/private dining room ACREAGE: See survey-inventory form #19a
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: See survey-inventory form #19a

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame building totally altered from original appearance and functional layout as carriage house for the adjoining Victorian house (See Part III History on survey-inventory form #19a). Complete alteration was done to provide additional sleeping quarters for the Smith House hotel. Current appearance: vernacular design with projecting full building height portico, supported by four straight columns, barrel vault in gable end. Entry on side of projecting element under portico. Fenestration unbalanced. Non-functional shutters as decorative feature. Exterior: clapboard. Present condition: Excellent.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Capt. Frank W. Hall ORIGINAL USE: carriage house
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: See survey-inventory form #19a
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1899 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: c. 1946 total alteration
 others: unknown
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The total alteration to the facade of this building (and extensive interior changes) was started under the ownership of William Manning Smith and completed c. 1946 under the ownership of W. B. Fry. The building continues in use as sleeping quarters for hotel guests. The hotel office is located here. In the basement is a private dining room (meeting room for the Lions), which is connected by a passage to the dining rooms located in the basement of the main house. This room is available for overflow crowds of diners.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: Significant as an example of owner-directed conversion of an existing building to new use. (Adaptive re-use). Vernacular style. Historical: Significant as a part of the Smith House complex. It is an amusing quirk that this building so completely altered continues to be identified with its original function as "Capt. Hall's Carriage House" while the main house it served, which is much less changed, is identified with the Smiths. See Part IV of survey-inventory form #19a. for narrative on significance of the Smith House as an example of a country hotel.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
 Dahlonega, Georgia
 ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Former owner: Mrs. W. B. Fry
 See survey-inventory form #19a for sources applicable to this complex

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Appalachian Adventures
The Smith House
(complex of 3 buildings)
STREET ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St.
CITY: Dahlonega COUNTY: Lumpkin
PRESENT OWNER: Fred R. Welch, Jr.
MAILING ADDRESS: 202 S. Chestatee St.
CITY: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 30533
CURRENT USE: mountain outfitter & guide service
ACREAGE: City LL 110 (1/4 lot)
U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: U.T.M. REFERENCE:
V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: City LL 110

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Two storey frame house, single room depth, vernacular style, numerous undocumented alterations over the years. House is rectangular in shape with long side facing street, original main entry door centered on front. Fenestration on front formally balanced, two windows each floor with diminution in height of upper windows. It is said this house had a one storey porch extending full width of front, which was required to be removed at time Chestatee St. was widened. The porch and entry door now existing on south side of house are said to date from time front porch was removed. Exterior: clapboard. Non-functional shutters added. Interior: typical steep rise stair opposite front door. Present condition: fair.

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Harrison W. Riley (?) ORIGINAL USE: dwelling
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown HISTORIC ACREAGE: 1/4 acre
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: uncertain c. 1845 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: unknown
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): 1845 deed references to transactions between H. W. Riley and Samuel H. Weaver indicate this may be "Weaver's House" (or reference may be to no longer existing house on city LL 109). In any event this house on City LL 110 is definitely identified in 1855 deed from H. W. Riley to John Huff. Identification as "Hope House" dates from 1884 purchase by A. A. Hope from W. H. Cook. Numerous owners and tenants before and since Used by F. W. Hall to house his servants. In later years has been used by various small businesses: arts/crafts, antiques, flowers, coffee shop/bakery, and currently by a mountain outfitter and guide service.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Commerce LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architectural: This building has little left of architectural interest except its stubborn durability. It still sits on its original site, which is now within three feet of a heavily travelled street, a testament to sturdy construction. Historical: Significant in its early association with numerous owners and tenants when in use as a dwelling, including (among others) H.W. Riley, John W. Kennon, John Huff, W.H. Gook, A.A. Hope, F.W. Hall. Significant in its later association with owners and operators of "The Smith House" when used for commercial purposes, including Henry & Bessie Smith, W.B. Fry, and Fred & Thelma Welch.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: I. T. Lynn ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Chamber of Commerce/ADAPT
Dahlonega, Georgia
ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: none
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Present Owner: Fred Welch, Jr. Page 34
Lumpkin Co. Deed Books: "H" pgs. 125, 374, 450. "M" pg. 256. "V" pg. 164.
(See also Refs. on survey-inventory form No. 19a)
Source-1982 GMPD Survey History of Lumpkin Co. by Andrew W. Cain