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PLACES AND PROGRAMS IN PERIL



The Georgia Trust's *Places in Peril* program has made a critical difference in the fate of over 30 historic sites in Georgia since 2006. This year we add ten more important sites to our working list. Once again, we have nominations which address broad themes of Georgia's history, reflect our cultural diversity and represent the distinct geography of our state. We are grateful for the people working at the grassroots level who have nominated these sites and will ultimately be the heroes responsible for saving them.

Unfortunately at the present time, cultural programs and the agencies which administer them are also in peril. In October, Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced that the multimillion-dollar Georgia Archives, built in 2003, would only be open six days a month. Visitors could only come one time a month and for a maximum of two hours. This enormous and necessary resource was funded at tax expense and with contributions from the City of Morrow and Clayton County and is a necessity for researchers, scholars and people who need the archives for business purposes.

A recent *New York Times* article featuring this tragedy is an embarrassment for our state. Fortunately, the Governor's office has responded to this urgent situation by restoring \$125,000 to the Secretary of State's budget to keep the State Archives open on a more regular basis until June 30, 2013.

It is sad but true that several other organizations that play a vital role in promoting culture, heritage and the humanities have also been placed in peril. In the past legislative session, the Georgia Humanities Council was given zero funding in the Governor's budget. Intense advocacy restored a \$50,000 appropriation for their grants program which was formerly funded at \$175,000.

Recent cuts in support for the Georgia Council for the Arts have resulted in our state being ranked 49th in the Union in funding for the arts. Only Arizona, who eliminated its arts council altogether, ranks below Georgia.

Closer to home, the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources was selected last year for zero-based budgeting. Only intense lobbying by Georgians for Preservation Action saved our nationally recognized Georgia African American Heritage Preservation Network (GAAHPN). Even though this award-winning program was saved, HPD was subjected to other severe cuts which saw the elimination of several key staff positions including those who work in public outreach. Historic preservation has demonstrated that it creates jobs, attracts tourism and revitalizes small business on Main Street.

The Georgia Trust asks a great deal from our membership. We depend on you for financial support, for leadership in your communities and for your attendance at Trust educational and special events. You have never let us down.

We hope that when you see your elected officials or if you will contact them, please tell them how important these organizations and programs are to the economic vitality of our state. Georgia has been a beacon of progressive light for the southeastern United States. We can not afford to let that torch burn out. 

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President & CEO



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The Rambler seeks to increase public awareness and understanding of preservation's economic impact on community revitalization and quality of life by highlighting current challenges, recent success stories and how the Trust is active in Georgia's preservation efforts statewide.

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THE GEORGIA TRUST PRESERVATION GALA:
A VANITY AFFAIR
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013

A Vanity Affair takes you back to the turn of the previous century, an elegant era when the formal confines of society were being challenged by progressive ideals. Artists and writers explored serious modern issues while high society embraced the frivolous and the exotic. Magnificent Ivy Hall, built in 1883 and recently restored by the Savannah College of Art and Design, captures this contrast dramatically. Its gorgeous antiques and period finishes are offset by stunning contemporary art. Join us for a fabulous fun party at a unique historic site, with live entertainment, a full bar, and tasty offerings from Atlanta's finest caterers.

For reservations or patron information, please contact The Georgia Trust's Special Events Department at 404-885-7812 or SpecialEvents@GeorgiaTrust.org.

2013 SPRING RAMBLE & ANNUAL MEETING
AND STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE
APRIL 26-28, 2013

Discover the magnificent beauty of Milledgeville, Georgia's antebellum capital. Named for Georgia Governor John Milledge, this historic town is situated on the fall line of the Oconee River and boasts some of the state's finest antebellum architecture. Preservation professionals and enthusiasts should plan to spend the whole weekend with us as the Statewide Preservation Conference will be held April 26-27.

THE GEORGIA TRUST
HOME OWNERS WORKSHOP (HOW)
MAY 4, 2013

Join us at Rhodes Hall for the Trust's newest event! The Georgia Trust Home Owners Workshop (HOW) will offer a full day of workshops, seminars and demonstrations for homeowners and prospective buyers. Presenters will offer 30-minute programs on specific topics, giving guests the opportunity to interact one-one-one with the experts. An opening reception at Rhodes Hall will kick off the inaugural event.

For more information, please contact The Georgia Trust's Membership Department at 404-885-7805 or Membership@GeorgiaTrust.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A NIGHT AT THE
GEORGIA THEATRE

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Join us for a night of Americana music with the Infamous Stringdusters and The Honeycutters at the Georgia Theatre in Athens. After a fire destroyed the building in 2009, the Trust partnered with owners of the Georgia Theatre to set up a fund dedicated to the rehabilitation this historic landmark. Proceeds benefit The Georgia Trust.

2013 PRESERVATION GALA
Friday, March 15, 2013

This is a party that you won't want to miss! Join The Georgia Trust in midtown Atlanta for *A Vanity Affair*, an exquisite evening of delicious food and live entertainment at the magnificent Ivy Hall.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING
& SPRING RAMBLE AND
STATEWIDE PRESERVATION
CONFERENCE

April 26-28, 2013

Milledgeville, Georgia

Join us as we explore a treasure trove of "Capitals, Columns & Culture" in Georgia's antebellum capital. Tour one of our state's most extensive collection of Federal style architecture and experience the southern hospitality and charm of one of Georgia's most beautiful cities.

GEORGIA TRUST HOME
OWNERS WORKSHOP (HOW)

Saturday, May 4, 2013

The Georgia Trust Home Owners Workshop (HOW) will feature great resources for potential homebuyers, new homeowners, and homeowners looking to improve their property. In other words, you! The lawn and wraparound porch of historic Rhodes Hall will be filled with vendor displays offering information on all aspects of homeownership including interior and exterior improvements, gardening and landscaping. You won't want to miss this exciting new event!

2013 FALL RAMBLE

October 4-6, 2013

Madison, Georgia

Explore the lovely antebellum town of Madison. Voted "#1 Small Town in America" by *Travel Holiday* magazine in 2001, Madison is home to one of the largest historic districts in the state and boasts nearly 100 beautifully restored historic homes.

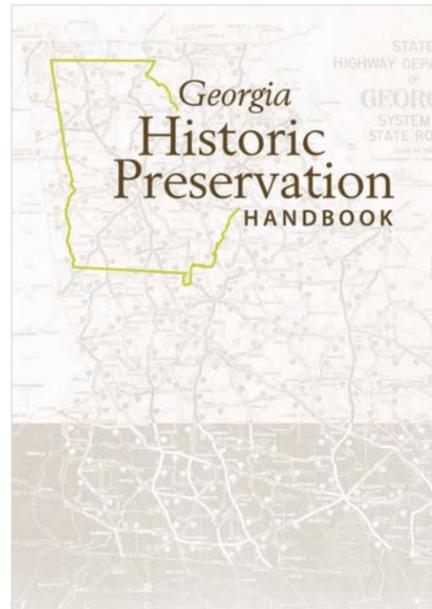
For more information or to register for these exciting upcoming events, visit WWW.GEORGIATRUST.ORG.

FOX THEATRE INSTITUTE UNVEILS GEORGIA PRESERVATION HANDBOOK & ANNOUNCES PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The Fox Theatre Institute (FTI), an Atlanta-based outreach program created by The Fox Theatre, launched *The Georgia Historic Preservation Handbook*, a collaborative effort between the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and the Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, to provide a current, comprehensive resource to promote the understanding and practice of historic preservation in Georgia. The handbook is available to anyone - from the average citizen to the advanced professional - who is looking to educate themselves on historic preservation. It can be downloaded at www.foxtheatreinstitute.org.

According to Carmie McDonald, Program Manager for Fox Theatre Institute, "We identified a need for statewide education and aid in the area of preservation. The goal of the handbook is to educate residents about historic preservation, the people that make it happen, and how anyone can join this vital movement."

In addition, FTI announced their 2012-2013 restoration projects. The Institute will provide grants to three theatres in Georgia in an effort to help preserve their historic buildings, revitalize their arts programs, and strengthen their local economies. The three restoration projects are: The Mars Theatre, Springfield, Ga.; Knox Theatre, Warrenton, Ga.; and the Schaefer Theatre, Toccoa, Ga.



MAIN STREET DESIGN ASSISTANCE ARCHITECTURE AND THE AUTOMOBILE

When the automobile roared into town at the beginning of the 20th century, it not only changed the way people got around but led to the disappearance of the infrastructure that supported the horse and carriage. The earliest cars relied on existing blacksmith shops, hardware stores or bicycle shops for repair, maintenance and fueling and were usually sold out of repurposed storefronts. By the 1920's, however, purpose built dealerships, gas stations and repair shops had established a presence in almost every city.



Built as a classic Sinclair "Castle" service station, this building was put to new use as Elberton's Chamber of Commerce office. Infill windows were made to look like bay doors.

In our downtowns today, the movement and parking of cars continue to strongly influence urban design, but the heyday of auto-related businesses in downtown is over. Dealerships began moving to larger lots on the suburban strip before World War II and corner service stations have more recently been made "obsolete" by giant suburban gas station/convenience stores and specialized repair and lubrication businesses. As a result, many of these facilities have been lost to demolition, but some have been repurposed. Look closely, and you'll recognize them.



A great example of the changing look of car dealerships over time is this Ford dealership in Athens that started in a traditional storefront, moved to a purpose built facility and finally out of downtown all together. The second location is now a church.



CALL FOR ENTRIES

2013 SCHOLARSHIPS & NEEL REID PRIZE

The Georgia Trust is now accepting entries for the J. Neel Reid Prize and B. Phinizy Spalding, Hubert B. Owens & Colonial Dames of America (Georgia chapter) Scholarships.

For more information and to download an application, visit www.georgiitrust.org/preservation/opportunities.php.

DEADLINE: Friday, February 8, 2013 (postmark date)

Questions? Contact Kate Ryan at kryan@georgiitrust.org or 404-885-7817.

PAST PLACES IN PERIL

HOW ARE THEY FARING?

Below are just a few highlights. For a complete list of updates on past *Places in Peril* sites, visit GeorgiaTrust.org.

PROGRESS CHATTAHOOCHEE PARK PAVILION, GAINESVILLE (2012)

RECAP: Historic amusement park pavilion needs major repairs. **CURRENT STATUS:** In July, Gainesville City Council voted to spend \$25,000 for building materials to restore the pavilion. In return, the American Legion post that owns the property has agreed to allow the city to use the building to promote tourism and to conduct public safety training exercises for a 10-year period. Using labor from the Georgia Department of Corrections, the restoration is estimated to take three to four months. In the end the post hopes to rent out the pavilion for weddings, picnics and other events.



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CHATTAHOOCHEE PARK PAVILION

PROGRESS JOHN BERRIEN HOUSE, SAVANNAH (2009)

RECAP: Home of Revolutionary War officer threatened with deterioration, condemnation. **CURRENT STATUS:** In September 2012, the Berrien House was purchased by Andrew Berrien Jones, a direct descendent of Major John Berrien. Jones, a businessman and artist from New York, intends to fully and appropriately rehabilitate the house and use it for both commercial and residential space.

PROGRESS PONCE CONDOMINIUMS, ATLANTA (2006)

RECAP: An early luxury high-rise in midtown Atlanta needs rehabilitation, maintenance. **CURRENT STATUS:** The Ponce will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 2013. Planning is underway by residents of the Ponce to celebrate the building's 100th year with educational

and celebratory events to help raise funds for necessary exterior restoration.

LOST RUTHERFORD HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (2012)

RECAP: Works Progress Administration-era dormitory to be demolished, replaced by new building. **CURRENT STATUS:** Despite popular support from students, residents, alumni and the preservation community, the UGA Board of Regents voted to demolish Rutherford Hall. The historic residence hall was demolished following the end of spring semester. A replacement building strongly resembling Rutherford Hall will be completed next year and will reuse some of the former building's architectural elements.



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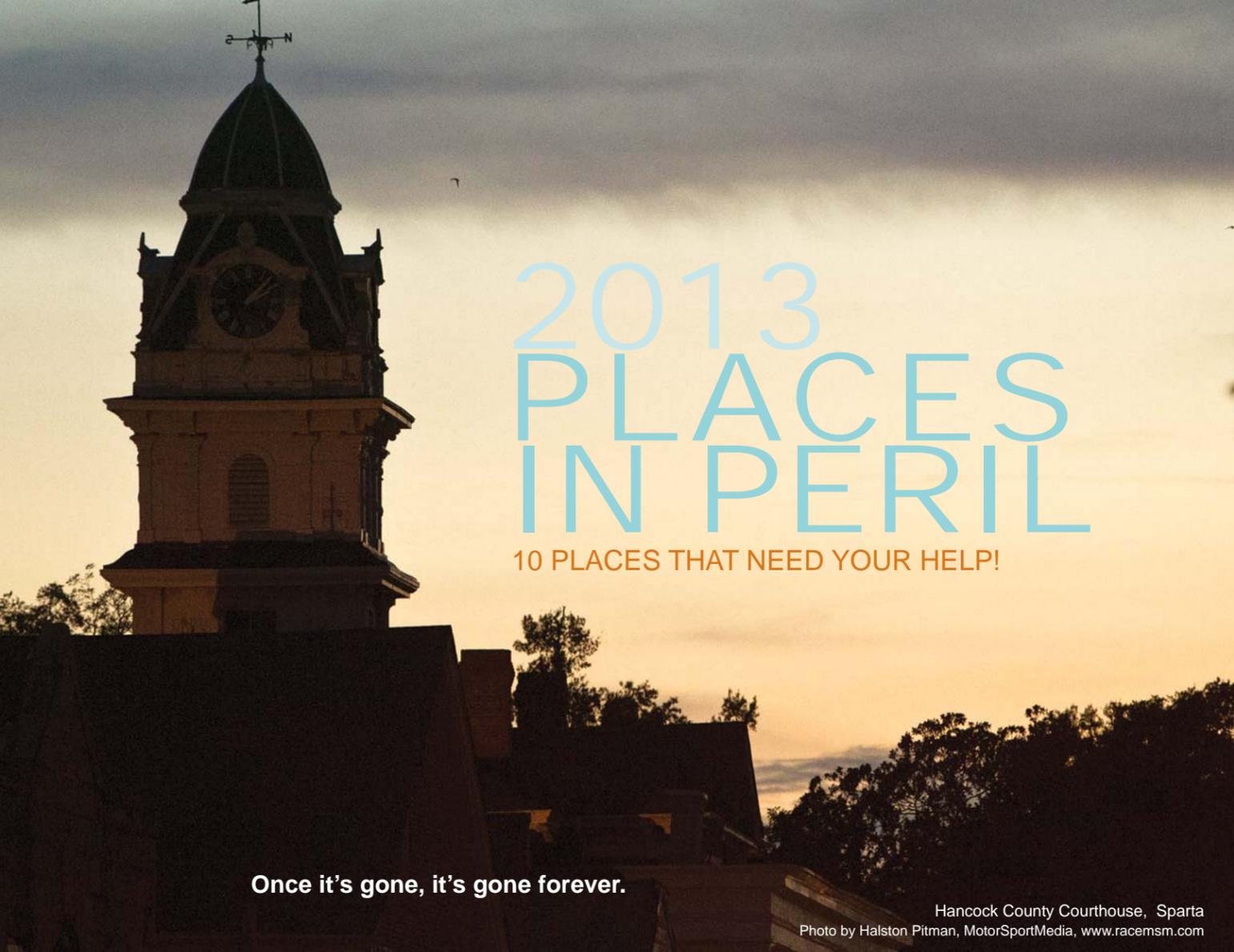
RUTHERFORD HALL

LOST ALUMINUM HILL MILL WORKERS' HOUSES, EATONTON (2007)

RECAP: Mill workers' homes, artifacts of Georgia's industrial past, at risk of demolition from neglect. **CURRENT STATUS:** Following years of work and planning by locals to find new owners and possible new uses for the 17 mill houses, only one house remains on its original site in Eatonton. As of September 2012, seven houses were sold to private owners and moved off of their lots. The remaining nine houses have been demolished.



JOHN BERRIEN HOUSE



2013 PLACES IN PERIL

10 PLACES THAT NEED YOUR HELP!

Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

Hancock County Courthouse, Sparta
Photo by Halston Pitman, MotorSportMedia, www.racemsm.com

Historic churches. Courthouses. Old school buildings. Places we pass by so often we no longer notice the ornate marble, the 100-year-old brickwork, the grand courthouse clock. But these places face threats every day—perhaps more so because we've grown accustomed to seeing them.

That's why The Georgia Trust is bringing attention to ten *Places in Peril* across the state and providing ways you can help in your community. Each site represents many similar places throughout our state that are just as endangered and in need of community help as the ten we have identified. So take a look at this year's list, learn more about the program, and find out how you can help protect these properties and others in your community.

The Georgia Trust's *Places in Peril* program seeks to identify significant historic, archaeological and cultural properties that are threatened by demolition, deterioration or insensitive public policy or development, and have a demonstrable level of community interest, commitment and support. The ten *Places in Peril* are selected for listing based on several criteria. Sites must be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Georgia Register of Historic Places. Sites must be subject to a serious threat to their existence or historical, architectural and/or archeological integrity. There must be a demonstrable level of community commitment and support for the preservation of listed sites.



LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEXINGTON, OGLETHORPE COUNTY

THE STORY

Built in 1893, the Lexington Presbyterian Church is home to the oldest Presbyterian congregation in Northeast Georgia. The church is accompanied by a manse and a cemetery. The manse predates the church and was the original home of the Columbia Theological Seminary (1828), the first theological seminary in Georgia.

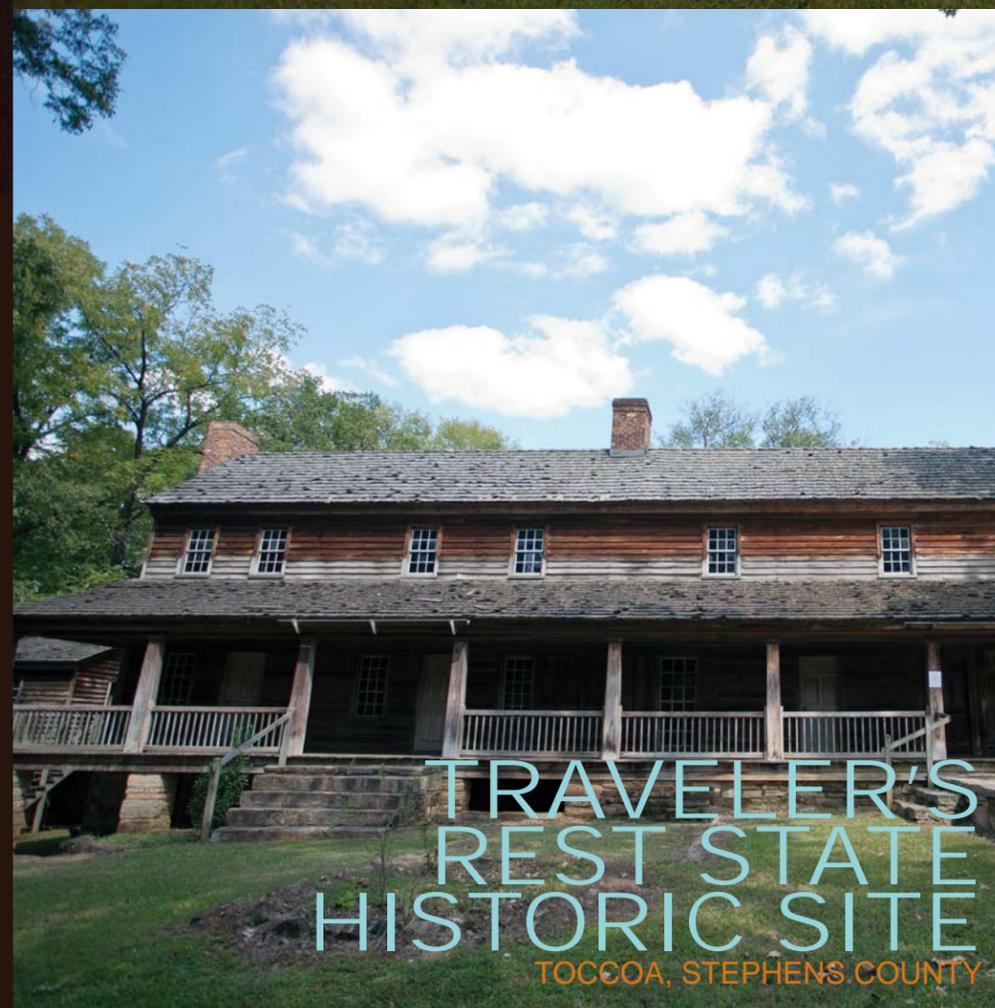
THE THREAT

The Lexington Church congregation has dwindled to less than 10 members and is preparing for its dissolution. The church building is in disrepair and declining. Efforts to maintain and repair the structure proved to be inadequate in the face of accelerating damage and deterioration which are beyond the resources of the small congregation.

THE STRATEGY

Emphasize the heritage of these unique architectural assets and gain outside support for their preservation. Support the owners and the community in their efforts to maintain the church's use as a house of worship while identifying other income producing uses.

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TRAVELER'S REST STATE HISTORIC SITE

TOOCOA, STEPHENS COUNTY

THE STORY

James Rutherford Wyly constructed Traveler's Rest in 1815 as an inn for travelers on the historic Unicoi Turnpike. The inn was sold in 1833 to Rutherford's neighbor, Deveraux Jarrett, who expanded the building to its current size of nearly 6,000 square feet. In addition to operating the inn, Jarrett used Traveler's Rest as the headquarters of his 14,400-acre plantation. The property remained in the Jarrett family until 1955 when Elizabeth Jarrett White sold Traveler's Rest to the state.

THE THREAT

Due to budget cutbacks, the Department of Natural Resources is only able to open the site once a month. The Friends of Traveler's Rest funds three additional days of operation per month. Limited use and decreased tourism has resulted in decreased revenue and deferred maintenance.

THE STRATEGY

Encourage enhanced partnerships to open the site to the public more often. Advocate for adequate funding for historic sites. Seek grant funding for necessary maintenance and repairs.

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THE STORY

Constructed in 1858-59, Stilesboro Academy's grand opening was celebrated with a picnic on the first Saturday of May in 1859, a tradition the community has continued for the past 153 years. The school was occupied by the Union Army in 1864 and spared by Sherman. The school was saved again in the 1930s when the ladies of the Stilesboro Improvement Club raised money for the Bartow County School Board to purchase new lumber for a modern school, rather than demolish Stilesboro Academy and reclaim its lumber.

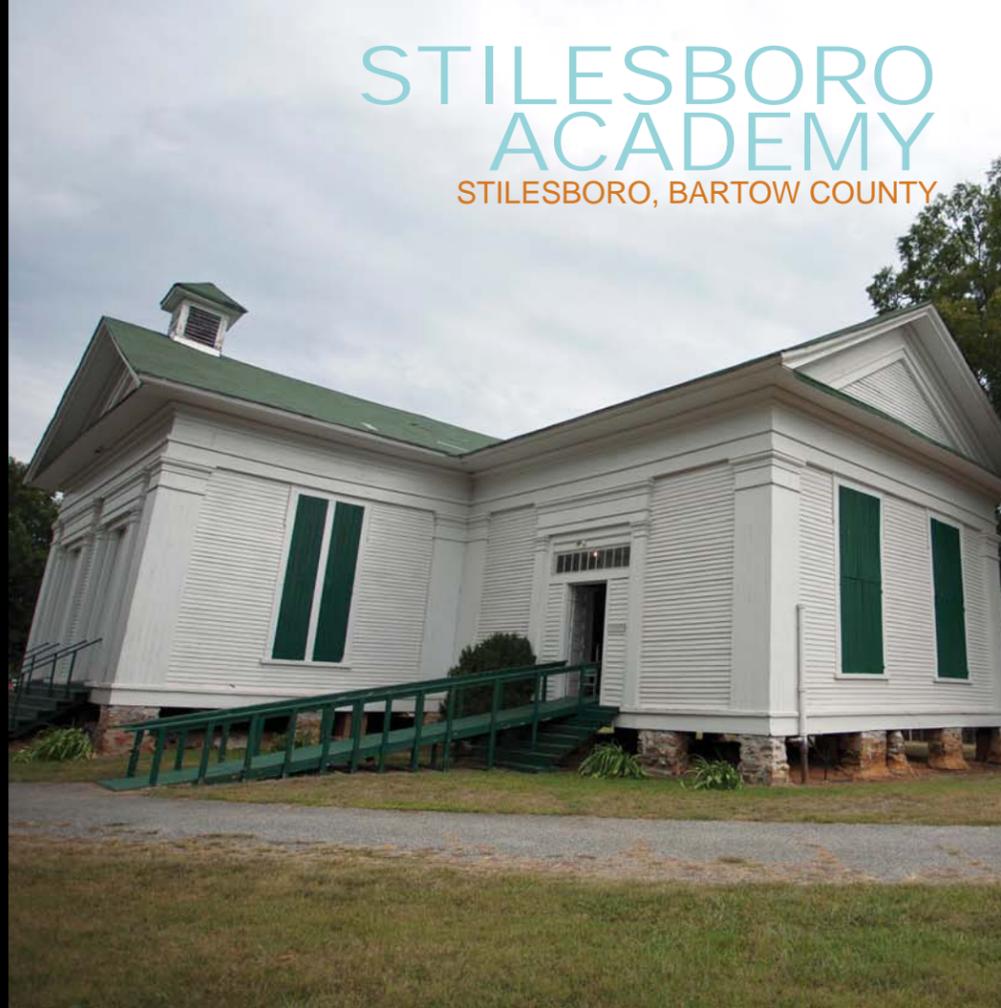
THE THREAT

The Stilesboro Improvement Club remains the caretakers of the Academy, but with a dwindling membership, the building's continual maintenance poses a challenge.

THE STRATEGY

Obtain increased recognition for this building. Help rehabilitate the building and identify economically sustainable uses to create income for its continued preservation.

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STILESBORO ACADEMY

STILESBORO, BARTOW COUNTY

THE STORY

The Cave Spring Log Cabin was discovered two years ago when layers of clapboard siding on a larger structure built around the cabin were removed. The well-crafted log building likely dates to the early 1800's, the frontier days of the Cave Spring settlement. Some evidence suggests that the cabin is an original Cherokee building. When the log structure was uncovered, the Cave Spring Historical Society purchased the building to save it from destruction.

THE THREAT

Almost 200 years old, the Cave Spring Log Cabin is suffering from deterioration; some of the original foundation timbers have decayed beyond repair. Now that the log structure is more exposed, the structure will deteriorate further without some intervention and stabilization work.

THE STRATEGY

Through increased publicity, gain funding to stabilize the cabin and prevent its further decline. Complete further research of the building's history and restore it for use as a cultural heritage museum or other economically sustainable site.

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CAVE SPRING LOG CABIN

CAVE SPRING, FLOYD COUNTY

THE STORY

In 1887 the Covington & Macon Railroad completed a stretch of tracks connecting Macon to Monticello. That same year N.B. White replaced an older wooden structure with this large masonry building on Monticello's square where he operated N.B. White & Co. for several years. The building served as a merchandise company, general store, and more recently, a hair and beauty supply store.

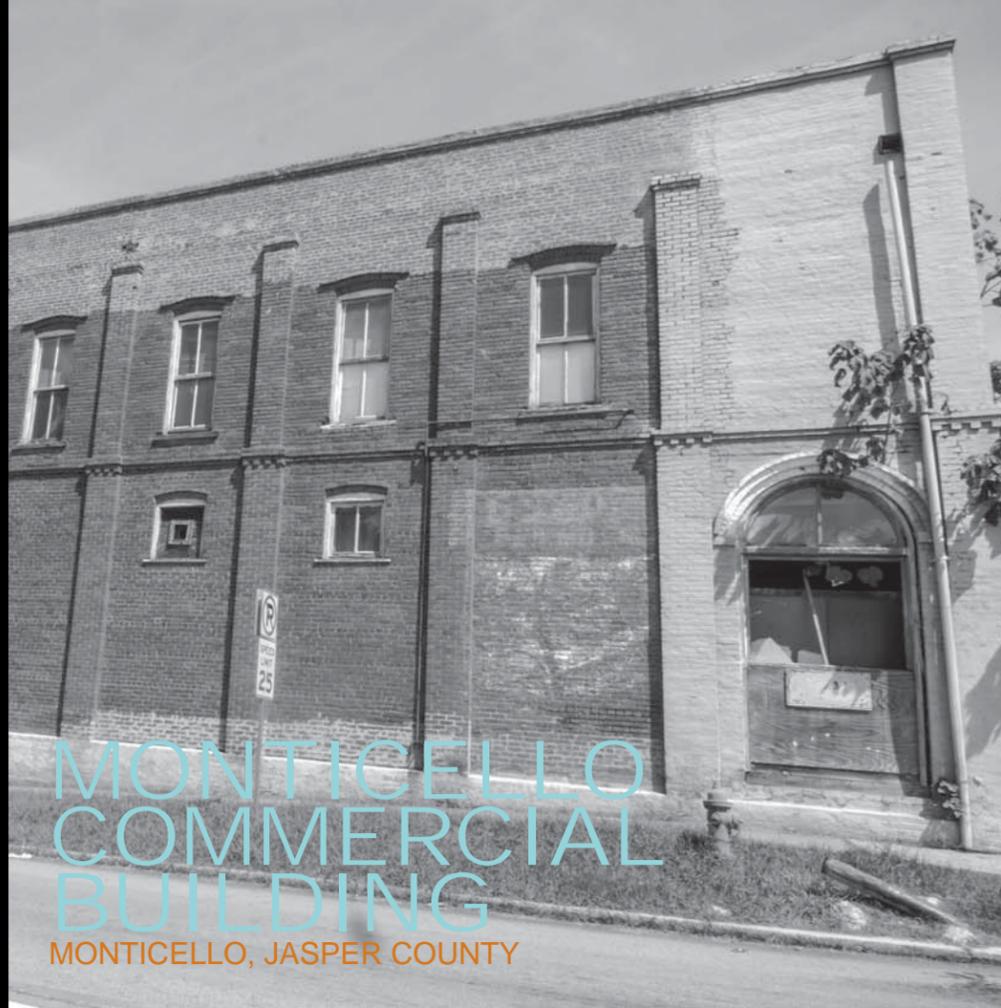
THE THREAT

The building's roof and rear wall are significantly damaged. Efforts have been made to temporarily mitigate these problems, but a full rehabilitation is required.

THE STRATEGY

Evaluate a 2009 building assessment to determine the cost of necessary stabilization work, including repairing the roof and rebuilding the rear wall. Work locally with various partners to find donated time, materials or funds to put towards stabilizing the building. Find a suitable occupant so the building can become a catalyst for other development in downtown Monticello.

Photo by Jake Galstad



MONTICELLO COMMERCIAL BUILDING

MONTICELLO, JASPER COUNTY

THE STORY

Coca-Cola founder Asa Candler donated 55 acres of land in northeast Atlanta to be used as a public park by the city in 1922. The land included a nine-hole golf course designed by landscape architect Helen Smith. Smith was hired by Candler to design the course for his daughter because women were prohibited from playing on the Druid Hills course that Candler frequented.

THE THREAT

Over the past 90 years, residents of Candler Park and the City of Atlanta have enjoyed this public golf course with its beautiful scenery and low green fees. In recent years, the city has leased operations of the golf course to a managing company; however, with low revenue and dwindling use, Atlanta's Department of Parks is considering closing the historic golf course.

THE STRATEGY

Work with neighbors and partners to encourage the continued use of this significant historic resource. Partner with the City of Atlanta and interested parties to develop a long range plan for the golf course that considers both its preservation and economic viability.

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CANDLER PARK GOLF COURSE

ATLANTA, FULTON COUNTY

THE STORY

The birthplace of the Civil Rights movement, Sweet Auburn was once a thriving community that exemplified African American success in the South. Its businesses, congregations and social organizations provided a refuge for many black Atlantans.

THE THREAT

Though recent rehabilitation efforts in adjacent residential neighborhoods have been successful, the effect of hard economic times has continued to plague the commercial district, leaving many significant buildings vacant and vulnerable to demolition or incompatible redevelopment.

THE STRATEGY

After being added to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's *11 Most Endangered Historic Places* list in 1992 and The Georgia Trust's *Places in Peril* list in 2006, both organizations re-listed Sweet Auburn in 2012 and have agreed to work with the City of Atlanta and the Historic District Development Committee to revitalize the Sweet Auburn Commercial District.

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SWEET AUBURN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

ATLANTA, FULTON COUNTY

THE STORY

The 1883 Hancock County Courthouse was the third courthouse to be built on this site since the town of Sparta was founded in 1795. The magnificent Second Empire style building was designed by the prominent Atlanta architectural firm of Parkins and Bruce. The courthouse anchors the essential center of historic Sparta and has been the site of numerous historic trials and events.

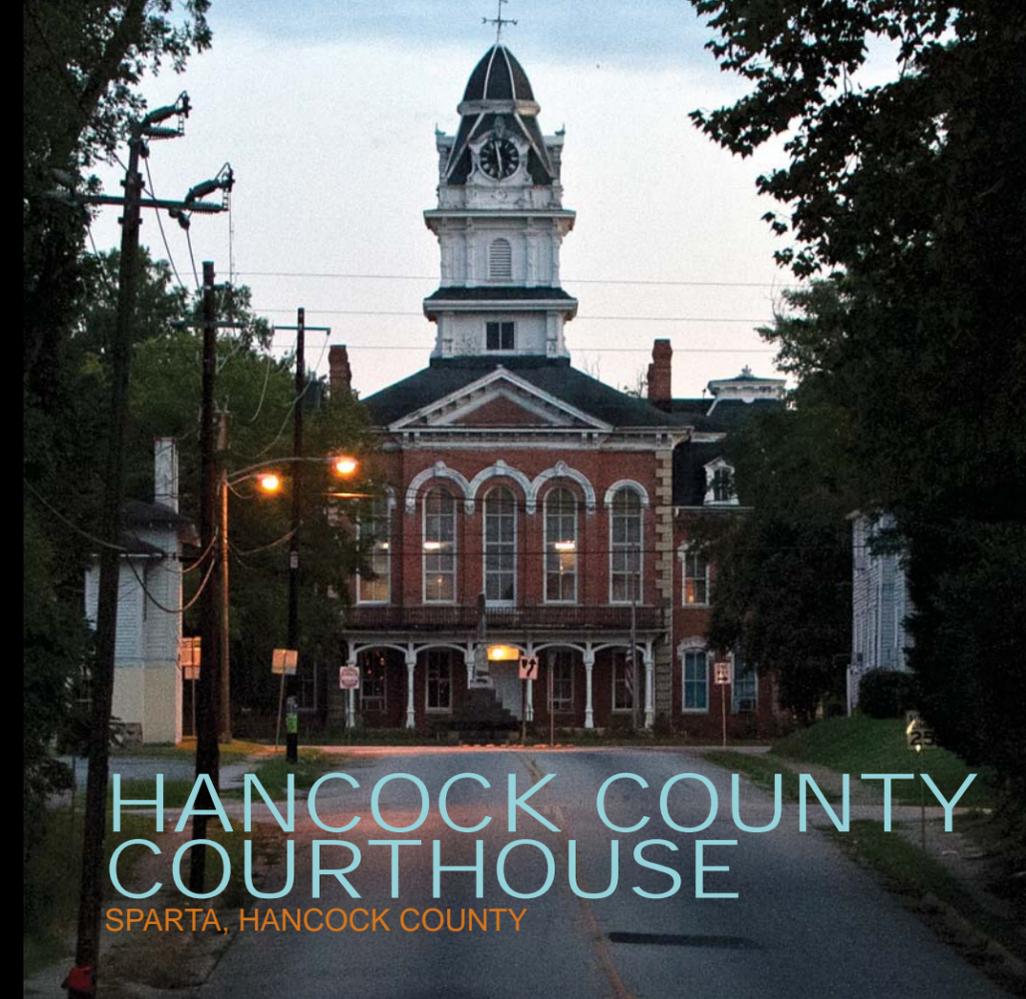
THE THREAT

The courthouse is still in use but suffers from lack of funding for maintenance and preservation. The building is in a state of decline.

THE STRATEGY

Review a recent building assessment and rehabilitation estimate for the courthouse, and research possible funding sources for such a project. Inspire economic development through highlighting Hancock County's leadership in the preservation of its numerous historic buildings.

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HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SPARTA, HANCOCK COUNTY

THE STORY

Built in 1857 by Nelson Tift, the founder of Albany, Georgia, to guarantee the extension of the rail line to Albany, the Tift Warehouse is Southwest Georgia's only remaining antebellum brick railroad depot. The construction of a larger depot in 1910 caused the building to be repurposed as a wholesale grocery warehouse; those modifications contributed to its susceptibility to flooding and moisture problems.

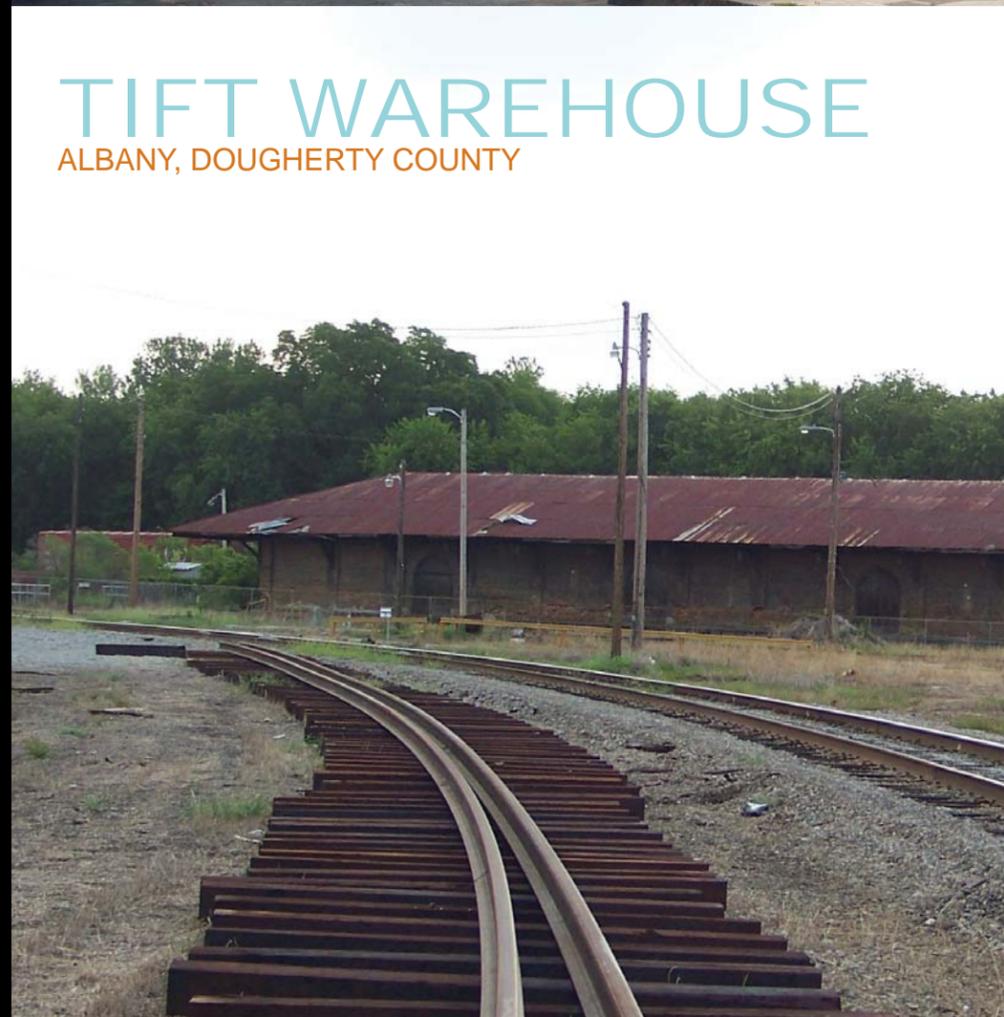
THE THREAT

Early changes to the rail yard's topography and configuration further contributed to the warehouse's frequent flooding. These flooding episodes and continual issues with rising damp and moisture infiltration have compromised the stability of the warehouse's masonry walls.

THE STRATEGY

Assist in increasing awareness of the site and its historical significance to the development of Albany and the State of Georgia. Use increased awareness levels and publicity for fundraising efforts. Prepare a comprehensive preservation plan for the site.

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TIFT WAREHOUSE

ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

THE STORY

From 1867 until 1945, the Dobbins Manganese Mine provided manganese ore, essential to the manufacturing of iron and steel. Manganese ore was used in the steel mills and served the nation's industrial needs during both World Wars. The remains of this open-cut mining site are uniquely illustrative of the industrial heritage of the region and Georgia. The Dobbins Mining Landscape was recently deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; it is a rare example of an undisturbed historic mining site and no other manganese mine is currently included in the Register.

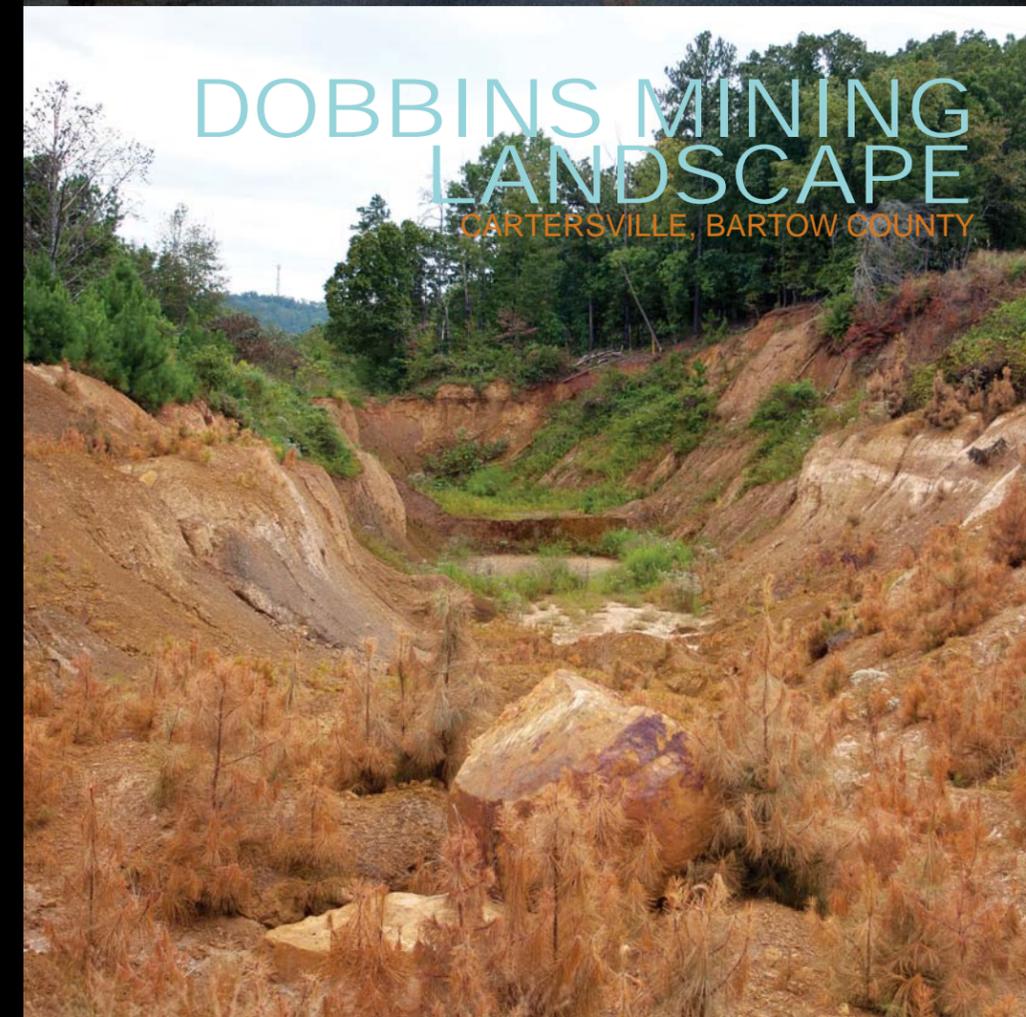
THE THREAT

The Georgia Department of Transportation proposed a new highway project to facilitate traffic from I-75 to Rome, known as the US 411 Connector. As planned, the connector will course directly through the cut of the Dobbins mine.

THE STRATEGY

Encourage alternate road routes which would not impact the historic site. Develop and implement a restoration, long-range use and maintenance plan.

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DOBBINS MINING LANDSCAPE

CARTERSVILLE, BARTOW COUNTY

THE GEORGIA TRUST ENDANGERED PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The Revolving Fund Program was established to provide effective alternatives to demolition or neglect of architecturally and historically significant properties by promoting their rehabilitation and monitoring their preservation in perpetuity. For more information and photos of the Trust's Endangered Properties For Sale, visit www.GeorgiaTrust.org.



MILLER HOUSE

Forsyth, c. 1905. Victorian railroad cottage constructed by Rev. A. S. Dix. The house is two rooms deep with a central hallway and is located just half a mile from the Forsyth town square & one mile from I-75. Zoned for commercial or residential use, the Miller House will need extensive rehabilitation work and all systems will need to be upgraded. \$20,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817, kryan@georgiatrust.org.



MCLEMORE COTTAGE

Vidalia, c. 1864. Donated to The Georgia Trust by the family that has owned it for nearly 150 years, this historic log cabin is in good condition, with two bedrooms and one bath on the first floor and a large sleeping loft on the second floor. The house has electric heaters, window unit air conditioners, and large fireplaces in both the living room and detached kitchen. The 3.68 acres has an early smokehouse, well house, picnic area and historic cemetery. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. \$85,000 (reduced from \$95,000). Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817, kryan@georgiatrust.org.

Little known history about log cabins

Some of the earliest log cabins in the United States are located in the Mid-Atlantic region where the building tradition was brought by early settlers from Finland, Sweden and Germany. The log cabin presented an ideal building technique for early settlers because logs were readily available, expensive nails and spikes were not needed, and log structures could be erected relatively quickly and easily. As other regions of the country were settled, the log cabin served as an inexpensive form of shelter, typically built as a temporary house. As sawmills and railroads became more prevalent in towns, so did hewn logs and the desire for more permanent housing. By the 19th century, the technique of using round logs for building cabins was largely replaced with the preferred technique of using hewn logs, which produced flat walls that better weathered the elements.



HOUSWORTH-MOSELEY HOUSE

Lithonia, c. 1843. This 1,200 sq. ft. home sits on 7.4 acres near the Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve. Located 20 miles from Atlanta, the house features largely intact historic interior including original woodwork. The lot includes a large front yard and a small picturesque creek. The house has two bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen, dining room, living room, and family room. The house will require rehabilitation, including updating systems, wood repair, and window repair. \$95,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817, kryan@georgiatrust.org. See story below.



CHERRY COTTAGE

Washington, c. 1818. 4BR/2BA home built by Constantine Church who bought the lot in 1784. One of the oldest buildings in Washington, Cherry Cottage is a one-and-a-half story wood-sided home containing 3,408 square feet, consisting of four bedrooms, two baths, large sitting room, parlor, formal dining room, kitchen, and library. Its lot is 1.10 acres and cannot be subdivided. Located in a beautiful historic neighborhood. \$130,000. Contact Kate Ryan, 404-885-7817, kryan@georgiatrust.org.

GEORGIA TRUST HELPS SAVE HISTORIC FARM HOUSE IN LITHONIA

The Georgia Trust recently sold the **Housworth-Moseley House** (pictured above) through its *Endangered Properties Revolving Fund* program to **Keith Crosby** and **Scott Pluckhahn** of Decatur (pictured right). Located on seven acres, the Housworth-Moseley House is considered one of the oldest houses in Dekalb County. The historic farm house was built around 1843 and remained in the Housworth family for over 160 years.

In December 2011, The Georgia Trust purchased the house from Freddie Mac after the house had been foreclosed in order to keep it from being bought by an entity that might demolish the historic buildings and subdivide the property, both of which would destroy the historic integrity of the Housworth-Moseley historic site.

Keith Crosby and Scott Pluckhahn plan to make the Housworth-Moseley House their permanent residence after rehabilitation is completed. In keeping with the house's history, the new owners plan to operate a small residential farm on the property.



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CAVE SPRING, c. late 1800s. This is a historic turn-of-the-century Victorian home and unique piece of property. It has been well maintained, and still retains its initial grandeur, and original features. The property encompasses several outbuildings, a barn, and two rental houses. It is situated on beautiful grounds that include a formal garden and a large variety of mature trees and flowers. A low granite wall lines the front of the property. For additional information, email mollymon@earthlink.net or call 207-846-4872.



MONTICELLO, FL, c. 1915. Signature, historic mansion noted for its collection of Colonial, Greek Revival and Victorian architecture. 4BR including sleeping porch, 2 1/2BA, French doors, two grand fireplaces, two BR fireplaces - all working, tile and wood porches, gardens, cottage, driveway to rear street. This gracious Georgian style home is the finest Neel Reid residence in Florida. Joseph Neel Reid was the Rembrandt of Southern Neo-Colonial architecture. He studied in Paris at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. His elegant designs are scaled after expansive European manors and are revered in Atlanta's Buckhead section. Neel Reid drawing number 188, 1912. \$675,000. Call 850-879-2111.



ATLANTA, c. 1938. Designed by prominent architect Samuel Inman Cooper, President of the Georgia Chapter of the AIA, for the well-respected Grady family. Located in Buckhead on W. Wesley Rd, the handsome 5-bedroom brick home with its charming flanking porches is a perfectly symmetrical architectural composition. The current owners have meticulously preserved the integrity of the original design elements including the fireplaces, millwork and windows. Ben Hirsh, Hirsh Real Estate Specialists. Call 404-492-9000 or email ben@hirshrealestate.com. Visit www.hirshrealestate.com.



COLUMBUS c. 1938. Constructed by industrialist Charlie Frank Williams, this stately Greek Revival home steeped in local history is located at 3312 Hilton Avenue. 7 BRs, 3 floors, Gourmet kitchen, Formal LR & DR, Library, Solarium, Elevator, Exquisite Mill Work, Gorgeous Fireplaces, Rich Hardwood Floors, Magnificent Windows - all 8500sf exudes an understated elegance. Broad veranda overlooking 4+ acres of expansive grounds, English gardens, brick patios and pool, complete the warmth and splendor of this beautifully renovated home. Contact Mary Varner, Waddell Realty Co., 706-653-1400 (O), 706-315-7075 (C).



NEWMAN c. 1850. The Grove is an exquisitely restored 4 br/4 bath antebellum estate set on 40 acres. Equestrian ready with a barn, fenced pasture and a 3br/2 bath carriage house. Surrounded by 3000 acres of Chattahoochee (river) Bend State park. Newly restored kitchen with professional grade appliances. Rare opportunity to own one of the few true plantation homes still standing. This is a must see. Offered at \$1,129,000. Call Suzanne with KW at 678-923-6246 for an appointment. To see more photos, visit www.suzannetrancell.com.



BARNESVILLE, c. 1877. Historic Barnesville "Bonnie Castle," built in a by-gone era with 18-inch concrete walls. This home is graced with wide mahogany staircase, high ceilings, recessed mahogany bookcases, and beautiful hardwood floors with attention to detail and craftsmanship that cannot be duplicated. Restoration will produce a show home like no other. It sits on 25 acres of beautiful pecan orchard and gardens with frontage on Hwy 41. Commercial potential. \$450,000 for home with 10 acres or \$820,000 for home with all 25 acres. Call Sandra, 770-653-6907. Visit www.georgia-foothillsrealty.com for more photos.



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SPRING PLACE, c. 1842. Murray County. Located in Spring Place National Register Historic District. 3,900+ sq. ft., 3BR, 2 BA, solid brick construction on 2.5 acres. It is 4-over-4 on both levels. Original walnut two-panel doors, walnut wainscoting in LR & DR. Hardwood floors, some original heart of pine. Completely restored, new wiring, new plumbing, 4 H&A systems. Detached 3-car 1 3/4 story garage, 30' x 42'. \$429,000. Contact Wayne McDaniel, wmcddan9821@aol.com, 706-280-3989. www.150elmslutterfly.com

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WAYCROSS c. 1912. The Bunn Building is a historic tax credit eligible contributing building to the Waycross Downtown National Register District. Ready for a complete rehab this brick reinforced concrete building was built as a professional office building in 1912 and was in continuous use until 2002. A housing market study, Proforma and floor plans are available. Contact Bunn Partners, Limited, LP at aham@4pmcdp.com or 904-398-0085. www.bunnhistoricforsalegeorgia.com.



WAYNESBORO, c. 1824. The Reynolds-Perry Homestead is a beautiful Classical Revival Cottage on a 4 acre lot in the city's National Register Historic District within walking distance of shops and restaurants in the quaint downtown. Soaring 13' ceilings, wide plank heart pine floors, exceptional pine paneling in library, Approx. 2 acre pecan grove. Old schoolhouse dependency cottage. 4br/3ba, c.4388 sq. ft. Adelle Dennis; Rex Property & Land, LLC 706-829-1381 Adelle@AdelleDennis.com.

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Financial expert and Georgia Trust stalwart Tom Wight's commitment to The Georgia Trust was recognized in 2009, when the Hay House cupola was named in his honor. Tom has ensured his support of The Georgia Trust in perpetuity through planned giving.

Tom Wight's passion for Hay House runs deep.

Born in Columbus and raised in Buena Vista, Tom learned to value history, the arts, and community service from his parents and grandmother. His interest in historic preservation was sparked by his discovery of St. EOM's Pasaquan, an internationally acclaimed visionary art site and a 2006 *Place in Peril*.

Settling in Macon and living in a historic home, Tom joined The Georgia Trust in 1993. He quickly adopted Hay House as a major calling, a property he believes "is important because of what it says about Macon and Georgia. Here is a house with, for its location, an unusual style, and with amazing artistic finishes and incredible technological advances, that you would expect to find in New York or Boston or Philadelphia. But it was the dream of two Georgians and built in a small town that was just thirty years from the wilderness." Tom joined The Georgia Trust Board of Trustees in 1995 and has served in many leadership positions, including a term as Board Chair after which he led the \$7 million Hay House Capital Campaign. Serving as Treasurer during his second stint on the Executive Committee, he guided the Trust through financial challenges to its current stability.

Tom's tremendous service was first recognized by the Trust in 1997, when he was awarded the Camille W. Yow Volunteer of the Year Award. In appreciation of his leadership in the Hay House Capital Campaign, in 2009 the Trust named the Hay House cupola in his honor.

Tom's contributions are unforgettable, but he has ensured his support of The Georgia Trust in perpetuity through planned giving. As a member of the Trust's Keystone Society, he earmarked his bequest for the continued restoration and maintenance of Hay House. "Hay House is a Georgia treasure that must be shared with future generations. Because I believe that, I had to 'put my money where my mouth was.' I have given time while I am alive – I hope that my money will help make it possible for this jewel to be here forever." Tom's financial expertise – he holds a Masters degree in Accounting with a tax specialization from the University of Georgia – guided his decision as well as his deep commitment to preservation.

With two degrees from the University of Georgia, Tom is a self-described rabid Bulldogs fan. He is an avid bridge player, competing in tournaments and teaching the game whenever he can. He serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Mulberry Street Investment Company.

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