

Register of Old Buildings  
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 401 North College  
North one-half of College Hill  
Legal description: Western Addition (Plat H/103)  
(Exc E 13') N 1/2 of College Square

Date of original construction: 1877 (Assessor's office estimate)  
1904 and 1917 (Remodelling - Assessor's office data) Probable dates of construction.  
1882-1883 Mr. Chambers gained title to the land June 12, 1882. He was first listed in the city directory at this address in 1884.

Name of original owner: William B. Chambers

History:

1. A partial chain of title follows: (Source - Office of Recorder of Deeds)  
May 11, 1864 - Trustees and heirs of Wm. T. Crissey et al to Missionary Society of M. E. Church.  
Aug. 7, 1864 - Missionary Society of M. E. Church to Wm. J. Quinlan. (All of College Hill).  
June 12, 1882 - William J. Quinlan to William B. Chambers N 1/2.  
Febr. 5, 1887 - Wm. B. Chambers & wf to Silas Packard WD N 1/2.  
March 29, 1915 - Mary Sawyer Packard to James T. Whitley N 1/2.  
Nov. 2, 1915 - James T. Whitley & wf to Charles E. England N 1/2.  
July 9, 1947 - Charles E. England, widower, to Fred and Letha Alberta Stalain, hus & wf.  
April 27, 1951 - Fred and Letha A. Stalain, hus & wf, to Arthur T. Low and Mollie Low as J.T.  
Aug. 22, 1963 - Arthur T. and Mollie Low to Etta Marie Low.  
Aug. 22, 1963 - Etta Marie Low to Mollie Low.

2. Data from available city directories:

Note: No listing of 401 N. College until 1884.

1884- city directory, Wm. B. Chambers  
1887-1904 Silas Packard  
1908-1911 Mrs. Mary Packard  
1916- Vacant  
1917-1947 Charles E. England  
1948-1950 Fred Stalain  
1951-1975 Arthur T. Low and Mollie Low  
August 11, 1975- House of Prayer Ministries, Inc.

3. Data from the Decatur Township Assessor's office follows:  
Bldg Class C - Multi-family, Apt. 2-4 story.  
8 apts.  
24 rooms.

Present owner: House of Prayer Ministries, Inc.

History Cont'd.:

3. Data from Assessor's office continued:

Masonry construction - 2nd floor, stucco and timber  
1st floor - brick 2nd floor and up - stucco and timber

7- 2 & 3 room apts. Copper gutters and down spouts

Turn stone balusters on porches and terraces

1904)

1917) remodelled

Sketch:

4. Miss Lottie Cook whose father managed the Innes farms, stated on July 13th, 1975 that the Packards lived at 401 N. College when the Innes family lived just south of it on College Hill. L. L. Baldrige was the contractor employed by C. E. England to reconstruct the house in 1916. Mr. Baldrige almost lost everything, for World War I had begun, costs had risen, and Mr. England held him to the original contract.

5. See copies of the following:

1. Sunday Herald & Review - April 26, 1964 - Decatur Diary - Our First Convention Hall.