

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 346 W. Macon St.

(Legal description - South Western Addition Block 1, E 48'
Lot 7 W 3' Lot 8)

Date of original construction: 1875. (est.)

Name of original owner: Andrew J. and Charlotte Wallace.

(Andrew J. Wallace, physician)

History: 1. The following is a partial record of the changes.
(Source: Office of Recorder of Deeds, Macon County Bldg.)

E 48' Lot 7.

1863 Orlando Powers to Rebecca Oviatt.

1868 Rebecca Oviatt to Juliet Gardiner.

1875 Juliet Gardiner to Andrew J. Wallace.

E 48' and W 3' Lot 8.

1-21-1891 Andrew J. Wallace to Leander C. Matthews.

2-2-1891 Leander C. Matthews to Charles O. Young.

11-30-1891 Charles O. Young to Volney Barber.

10-5-1897 Volney Barber to Hiram Johnson.

10-5-1897 Hiram Johnson to Cleora R. Barber.

5-12-1902 Cleora R. Barber to Volney Barber.

7-19-1911 Volney Barber to Gussie Johnson.

1960 Johnson Estate to Martin and Ann Seidman.

2. The following data is from City Directories. No directories are available in the Local History Room of the Library prior to 1871, and some are missing for later years.

1875 City Directory - Andrew and Charlotte Wallace *

#8 Macon Street.

1877-78 - same.

1880-81 - same.

1891-1911 - Volney and Cleora Barber.

1911-1959 - J. D. and Gussie Johnson.

1960 - Martin and Ann Seidman.

Thus, there have been four families to occupy the house at 346 W. Macon, 1875-1974.

* It is known that numbers were later reassigned, and since Recorder of Deeds Office data shows the Wallaces to have owned the property described above, it is presumed that #8 became 346 W. Macon. Evidence that #8 Macon was the same structure as the one now standing at 346 W. Macon, is the fact that there are "8's" on each glass panel at the top of the big front door.

Present owner's name: Martin and Ann Seidman.

History Cont'd.

3. Mrs. Emily Johnson Metzler, daughter of the J. D. Johnson's, recalls (July 1, 1974), that her father employed Frank Bobb, a well-known contractor in his day, to do extensive remodeling before the Johnsons moved into the house. Mr. Bobb, she said, added some of the "do-dads" on the exterior.

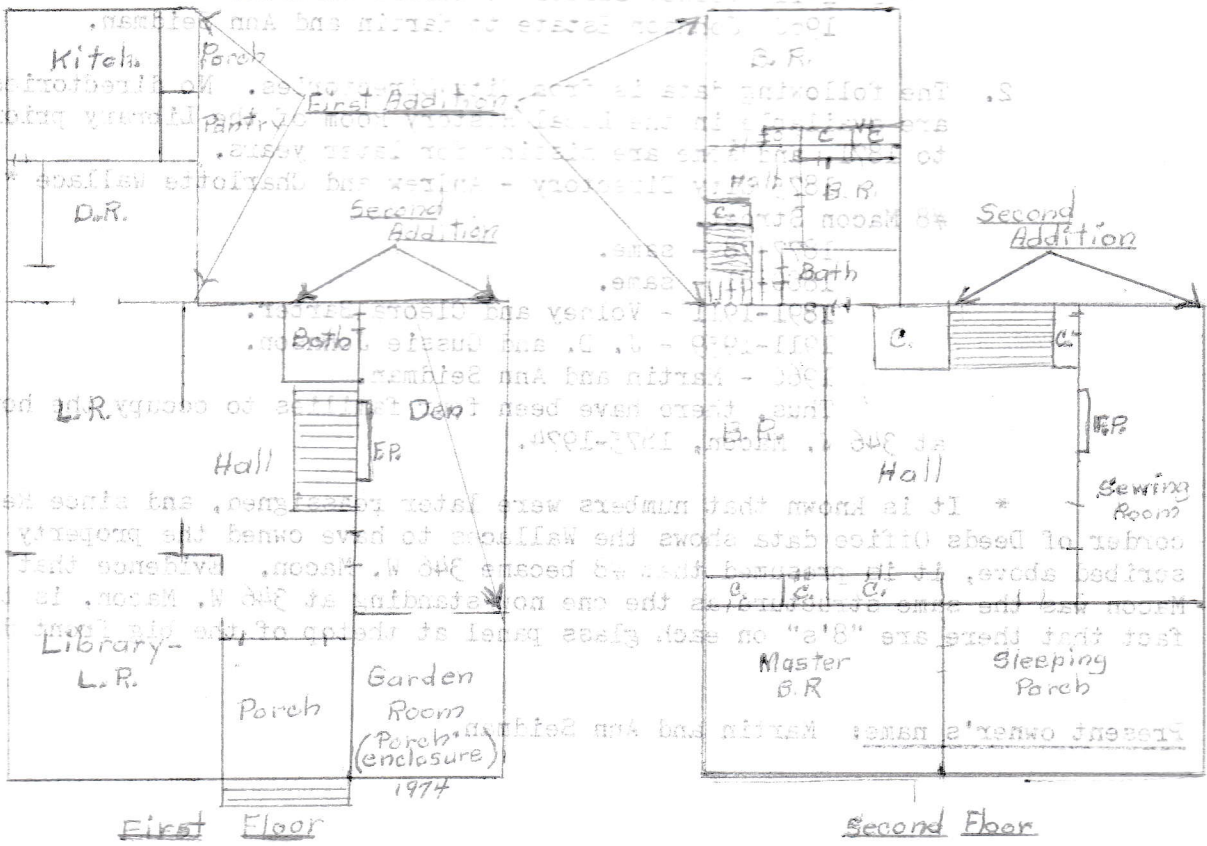
4. Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger recalled in an interview in December, 1973, that "the J. D. Johnson house is a very old house, which they stuccoed at the time of their purchase of it."

5. The card on the residence at 346 W. Macon in the Macon County Assessor's office gives this information:

Construction:

- Wood frame.
- Block wall foundation.
- Stucco on wood.
- Roof: Gable.
- High pitch.
- Hardwood floors.
- Softwood trim.
- 9 rooms.
- Full basement.
- 1-1/2 baths.

6. The floor plans sketched by Ann Seidman, a present owner, are not drawn to scale, but do indicate the additions to the house.



346 W. Macon Street



Taken by Margaret Meyer
April 29, 1974

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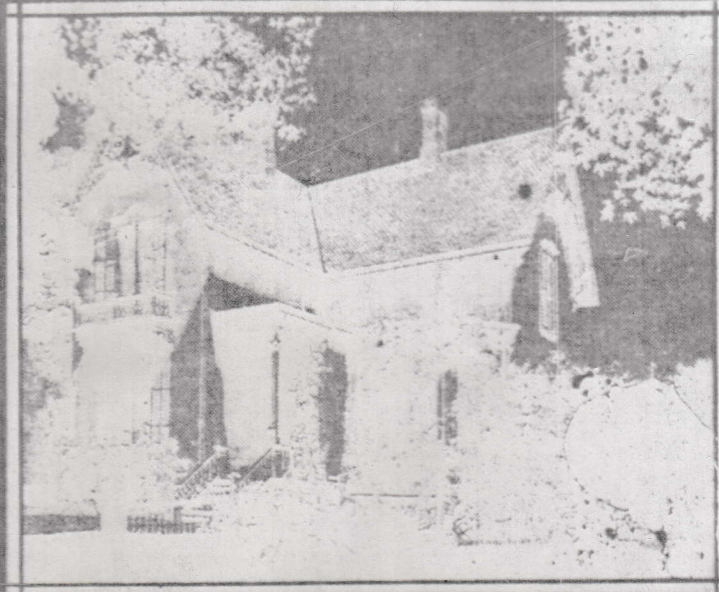
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