

VINSON HOUSE
Woolfolk Road, north of U.S. 341/S.R. 7
Fort Valley
Peach County
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LOCATION:

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USGS Fort Valley West Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
N/3608005 E/228070

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Vinson House is significant as a central hall house type with Italianate details common among Folk Victorian (1870-1910) buildings.

DESCRIPTION:

This one story wood frame residence displays Italianate stylistic details with bracketing under the eaves and narrow paired windows. The floor plan consists of a central hall plan with a rear projecting ell and a three-room rectangular ell added to the rear ell. The roofline resembles an irregular "H" form. Several alterations have occurred to this house, including an extension of the two main rooms to accommodate a kitchen and several enclosed porches. The house was moved to its present location, c. 1970, from a site closer to U.S. 341 in order to accommodate the commercial facility presently located there. The house was remodeled in the late 1930s, and few original interior materials remain intact.

HISTORY:

Elisha Gordon Bessett purchased the house sometime between 1886-1889. In 1889, Nellie Bessett was born in the house, but shortly thereafter moved to Fort Valley. Elisha Bessett tenanted the land surrounding the house, which stretched north of existing U.S. 341. Ms. Bessett Lamar lived in Fort Valley until she inherited the house from her father Elisha and moved back to the homeplace with her family in 1936. In the 1940s, the land south of U.S. 341 was subdivided and developed for housing. The majority of the remodeling of the interior of the house was completed in the late 1930s by the Bessett-Lamars. The house was moved to its present location in the 1970s when a portion of the property was commercially developed. Charles Vinson, a grandson of Nellie Bessett Lamar, currently owns the property.

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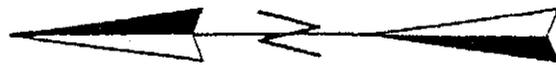
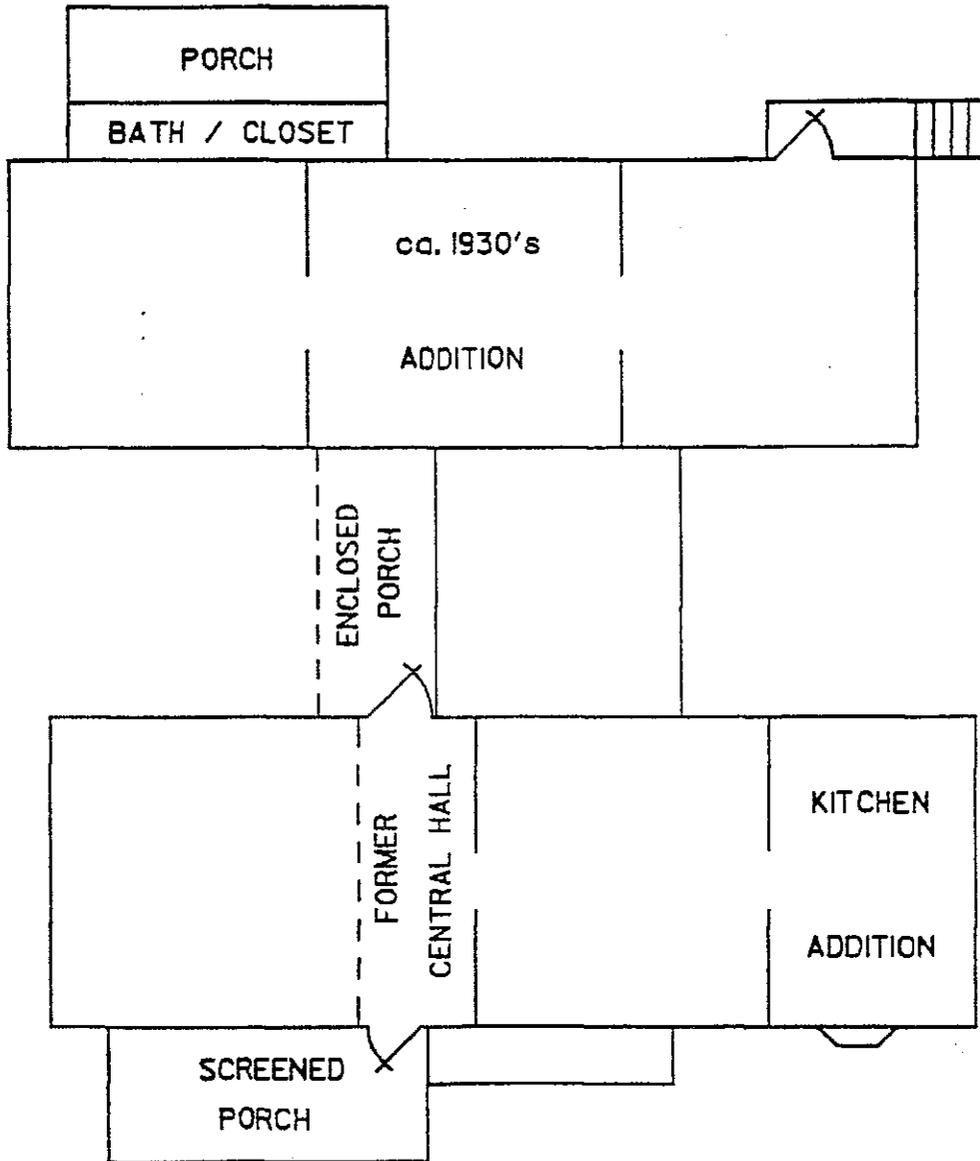
Interview with Nellie Lamar, daughter of Nellie

Bessett Lamar, November 14, 1990, Fort Valley,
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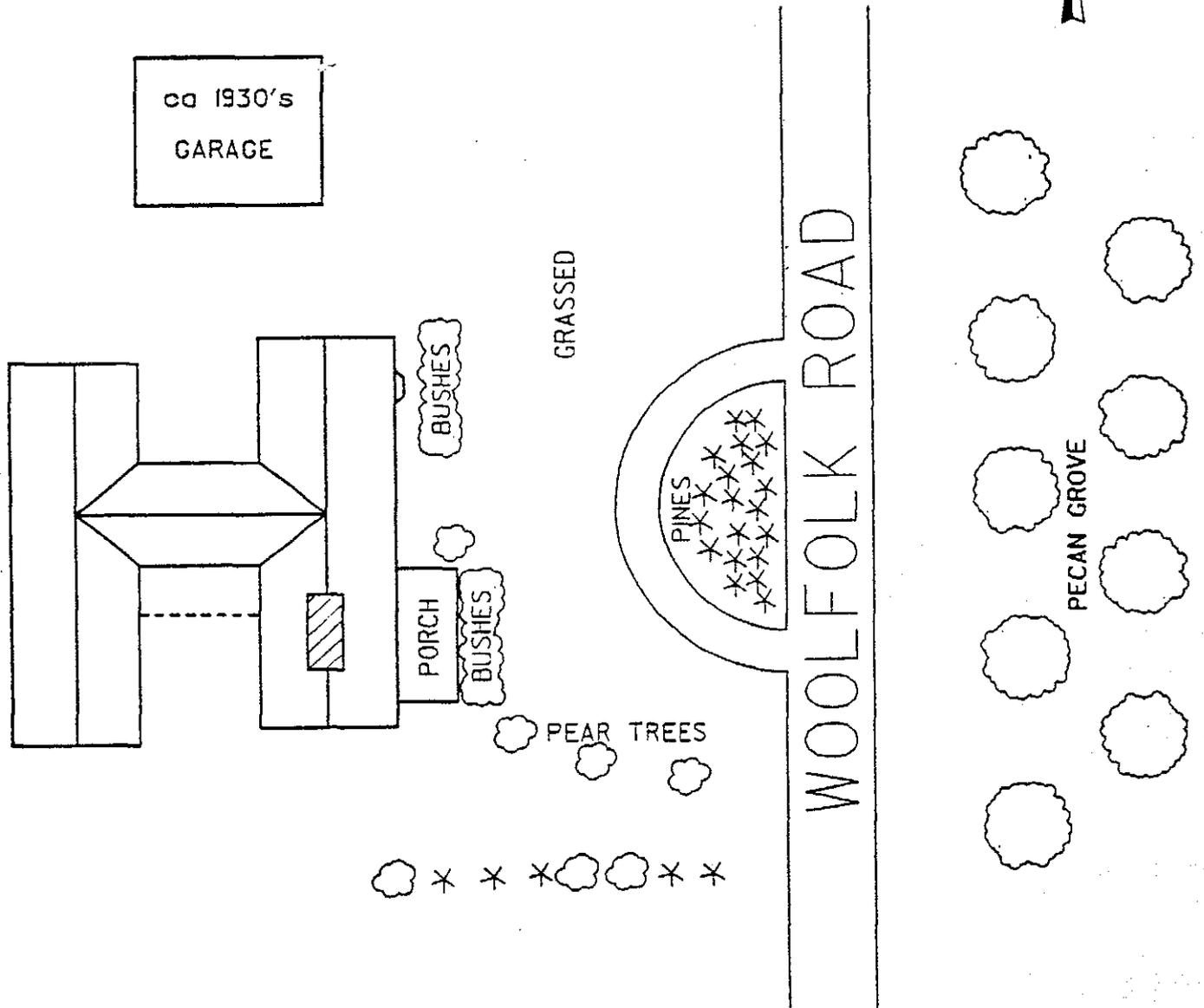
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FLOOR PLAN SKETCH VINSON HOUSE FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA



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SITE SKETCH VINSON HOUSE FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA



FIELDS TO US 341

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