

602 EAST WARD STREET (HOUSE)
Douglas
Coffee County
Georgia

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Location:

602 East Ward Street is located on the southeast corner of State Route 32/Ward Street and Coweta Avenue in the City of Douglas, Coffee County, Georgia. The resource is oriented to the north facing State Route 32/Ward Street.

Significance:

602 East Ward Street is a c. 1918 New South Cottage house type of frame construction. It is significant for its architecture as a representative example of a New South Cottage house type. Although the resource has undergone some alterations, primarily of materials, it continues to possess many of the design characteristics that typify this type of vernacular architecture.

Description:

602 East Ward Street is a one-story c. 1918 New South Cottage. It is of frame construction with asbestos shingle siding, and rests on a foundation of brick piers with concrete block infill. The resource possesses a hipped roof and two brick chimneys. Windows vary throughout the residence, but are generally two-over-two or four-over-four double-hung sash type. The resource is also distinguished by a half-hipped front porch that is partially enclosed. Other architectural features include the original panel and glass front door and three small rear additions.

The interior of this resource no longer possesses its distinguishing central hallway floor plan. The former central hallway has been enclosed to accommodate a bathroom. There are no other interior features or details of significance.

History:

602 East Ward Street was constructed c. 1918. It was constructed as part of a newly developing subdivision located just east of downtown Douglas, known as the D.G. Purse Subdivision. The D.G. Purse Subdivision was sited within a city block bordered by Ward Street to the north, Ashby Street (presently Coweta Avenue) to the west, Gaskin Avenue to the east and Ethel Street to the south. The subdivision originally contained 30 lots.

It is believed that the first owner and occupant of 602 East Ward Street was Mr. L.C. Barnes, who acquired the six room residence and the associated lot measuring 100 feet by 142 feet, in 1919. The residence remained in the Barnes' family until 1958, when it

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was sold by one of Mr. Barnes' heirs, Mrs. Myrtle Barnes Kirkland, to Mr. John R. McNeal, Jr. Mr. McNeal, in turn, deeded the property to his mother, Mrs. J.R. McNeal, Sr., who deeded it to Mrs. Lounez McNeal Gwinn in 1962. Mrs. Gwinn continues to own and occupy the residence. The current dimensions of the legal boundary measure 75 feet by 142 feet.

Sources:

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