

916-918 EAST WARD STREET (HOUSE)
Douglas
Coffee County
Georgia

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Location:

916-918 East Ward Street is located on the south side of State Route 32/Ward Street east of McDonald Avenue in the City of Douglas, Coffee County, Georgia. The resource is oriented to the north facing State Route 32/Ward Street.

Significance:

916-918 East Ward Street is a c. 1920 Double Pen house type of frame construction. It is significant for its architecture as a representative example of a Double Pen house type. Although some of the original exterior materials have been replaced, the resource continues to possess many of the exterior design characteristics that typify this type of vernacular architecture.

Description:

916-918 East Ward Street is a one-story c. 1920 Double Pen. It is of frame construction with aluminum siding, and rests on a brick pier foundation. The resource possesses a side-gabled roof, and one exterior brick chimney on each side elevation. Windows vary throughout the residence, but are generally two-over-two or six-over-six double-hung sash type. The resource is also distinguished by an engaged front porch that is presently supported by metal rails. Other architectural features include two front doors, machine turned pilasters, decorative molding, a rear ell addition with an enclosed side shed-roofed porch and a side garage addition.

916-918 East Ward Street has been subdivided into a duplex, and has undergone various other alterations over the years. Therefore, this property no longer possesses its distinguishing floor plan. The interior of this structure also is very plain and does not possess any distinguishing features or details.

History:

916-918 East Ward Street was constructed c. 1920. It was constructed as part of an early-twentieth century residential subdivision located east of downtown Douglas, known as the Brobston-Fendig Subdivision or Douglas Heights.

It is believed that the original owner and occupant of 916-918 East Ward Street was Mr. E. L. Rollins, who acquired the residence and the associated lots, measuring 125 feet by 180 feet, in 1919. Mr. Rollins only owned the property for a short time, having sold it to Mrs. A.R. Pearsall in 1922. Mrs.

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Pearsall retained ownership of the residence until 1944, when she sold it to Mr. Johnnie J. Vickers. Upon Mr. Vickers death in 1976, the property was willed to his surviving spouse, Mrs. Mattie Guthrie Vickers. Mrs. Guthrie remained in the house until 1992, when she sold it to the current owners, Paul and Lucinda Spivey. The Spiveys use the residence as rental property. Although the residence has undergone many alterations, the original dimensions of the associated lot are intact.

Sources:

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