

Clanton House
South Side of U.S. Highway 84, .02 miles east of Post Office Drive
Stockton
Lanier County
Georgia

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Location: This house is located on the south side of U.S. Highway 84, approximately .02 miles to the east of Post Office Drive. There is no street address.

Significance: This is one of approximately twenty historic structures remaining in Stockton. It is significant in local history as one of the early residences in the community.

Description: This hip roof, frame house has a wide, engaged porch supported by square posts set on a stucco wall. The ceiling of the porch is composed of narrow beaded boards. The metal shingle roof has wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. The house is set on a brick foundation and is sheathed with drop or novelty siding.

The house was constructed in two parts with the east section being the oldest. The original core of the house consists of five rooms with the front room extending across the entire width of the house. It has a three-bay symmetrical façade with a central door and two flanking one-over-one sash windows. At the rear of the historic core is a shed roof addition containing one room. There is one exterior brick chimney on the east elevation.

Only one room in the interior of the house contains any original woodwork. The west room just behind the main front room is clad with narrow beaded boards from the floor to the chair-rail. There is a five-paneled door leading into the room. All of the other rooms now have acoustical tile ceilings and modern paneling. No original mantels remain.

The west end of the house is an addition consisting of one room and the large porch. Windows in this section are modern replacements. The roof over the entire house was probably reconstructed to take in the new room and porch.

Behind the house is a corrugated metal shed with a gable roof and shed roof extensions to each side. There is a one-over-one sash window on the north elevation and an entrance door on the west side.

History: Because so much of the interior and the original roof have been altered, it is difficult to accurately date this building. The narrow beaded boards in the remaining unchanged interior could suggest a late nineteenth or early twentieth century construction date. The addition to the west side and the alteration of the roof probably occurred around 1925. It is not known who originally built the house. It has been vacant for many years and is in poor condition.

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Stockton is located in Lanier County, Georgia which was carved from parts of Lowndes, Berrien, and Clinch Counties in 1919. This small, rural community was entirely within Clinch County prior to this. Although the Savannah, Albany & Gulf Railroad opened in this area in 1860, Johnson's 1862 Map of Georgia and Alabama and Butts' 1871 map of Georgia show no town at this site. Gray's New Map of Georgia published in 1877, however, does include Stockton along the railroad line dating the town's formation to sometime between 1871 and 1877. Nearly all of the remaining historic buildings in the town date from the early to mid-twentieth century and face U.S. Highway 84 and not the railroad suggesting that the automobile was a fundamental source of development for this community. The highway was probably cut through the area in the early twentieth century and more or less parallels the railroad across the state. The road is not evident on late nineteenth century maps, but is clearly visible on highway maps by 1918. The 1923 Auto Trails Map of Georgia lists it as state road 38 and approximates Stockton's population to be 172.

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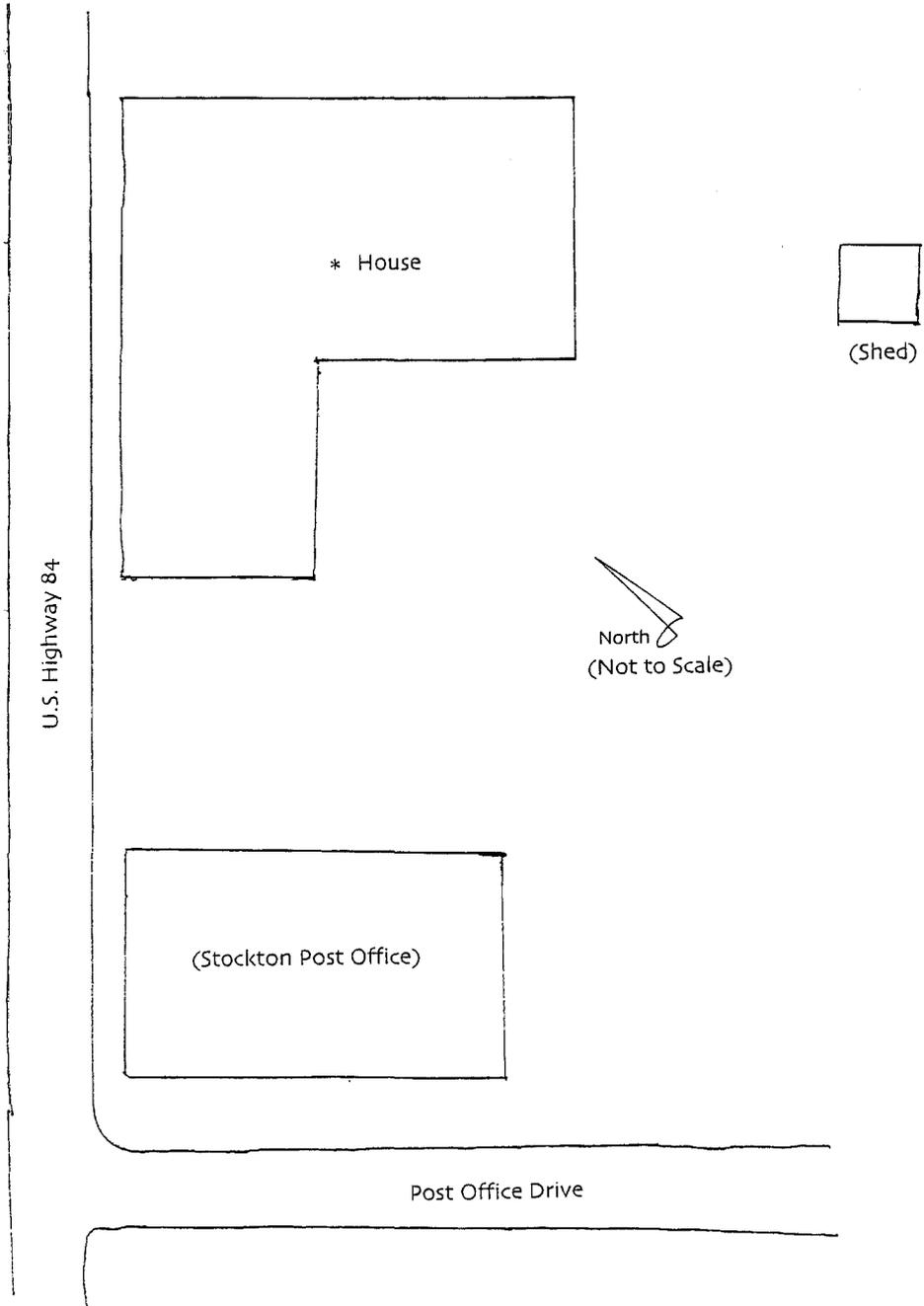
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