

LICKSKILLET (Lik'skil-it) n. Once fashionable 19th Century in-town neighborhood which contained many of Athens' antebellum homes. Demolished by the Urban Renewal Program in the mid-1960s.

WARE-LYNDON HOUSE ($W\hat{a}r \cdot Lin'$ don · hous) n. ca. 1850 — A two-story late Greek Revival home with Italianate influence, located perpendicular to the north end of Jackson Street on a knoll overlooking the city. It is the last remaining house of the Lickskillet neighborhood on its original lot. The Ware-Lyndon House is a local and national historic landmark.

What Is The Lyndon House Historic **House Committee?**

The House Committee is a volunteer group of local citizens, family members and professionals dedicated to the historic rehabilitation of the Lyndon House so it can work in concert with our newly expanded Visual Arts Center to serve all of our community. The Historic House Committee is a sub-committee of the Lyndon House Arts Foundation, which is a 501(C3) corporation. All gifts of cash, appropriate period furniture, art, accessories, etc., are tax-deductible.

What Is Our Mission?

The mission of the Lyndon House Historic House Committee is to assist in completing an appropriate historic rehabilitation of the original structure; to select and secure special furnishings that define the period chosen for each room; to research and prepare historical displays of relevant materials for the enjoyment of local citizens and visitors; to promote the building as a local treasure and to raise private funds to aid in the fulfillment of the goals.

> Why Is The Ware-Lyndon House **Important?**

The historic Ware-Lyndon House is one of the few antebellum homes with Italianate ele-

owners of the home, the Wares and the Lyndons were both families of prominence in early Athens. After rehabilitation it will be one of the very few homes open to the public on a regular basis for tours and study. Its location to the Wecome Center, The Classic Center, our Historic Downtown and our new Community Art Center will make it a major tourist attraction.

How Will the Historic House Be Used?

When completed, the downstairs of the house will serve the multiple purposes of permanent displays for historic interpretation; meetings; patron's hall; individual, group and school tours; and flexible rental space for special events. The upstairs of the house will contain a library resource room that will work in partnership with the Athens-Clarke County Regional Library to provide art-related books and computer terminals for research. The second floor will also house the director's office, a small warming kitchen and work space for employees. The central hall could house small historic exhibits on a revolving basis. The historic house will function independently or in conjunction with the new annex for special events.

Will the Art Center Expansion Compromise the Historic Character or **Affect the National Register Status of** the Original House?

Even though the expansion is quite large relative

dation to make sure the historic character and National Register status would not be affected. In the opinion of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division:

The proposed addition is located well to the rear of the historic house, and its overall height is relatively low in relation to the house. This will minimize the visual "presence" of the addition, especially when viewed from the front of the property. ... In terms of design, the proposed addition seems to be clearly contemporary yet compatible with the architecture of the house....

The House is Being Interpreted According to What Time Period?

The exterior of the house will be returned to the time of its original construction. The entrance hall, Patron's Hall and double parlors are being furnished and interpreted to the Ware family era of the 1850s. The side rooms and 2nd floor hall are being furnished and interpreted to the Lyndon family era of the late 1800s.

You Can Help

Since SPLOST funds were specifically designated for the architectural rehabilitation of the house, your help is needed to provide period furnishings for the interior.

Honors and Benefits

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