

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

1. Name: Solomon and Penelopy Pace House.

2. Location: 3057 Paces Mill Road, Vinings community, Cobb County, Georgia. *USGS Quadrangle*: Northwest Atlanta.

3a. Description: The Solomon and Penelopy Pace House is a four-room, wood-frame, Folk Victorian Gabled Wing Cottage. It was constructed c.1870 as a Central Hallway Cottage. One-room additions c.1883 and in the 1950s brought the cottage to its current four-room plan. The roof is cross-gabled with wood shingles. A wrap-around porch with a shed roof extends along the south and west elevations of the house. The porch has tongue-and-groove wood flooring, split wood posts, jigsaw trim and exposed rafter ends. The house rests on fieldstone piers with concrete block infill, while the porch rests on a non-historic brick foundation. Windows are replacement single-hung, nine-over-six wood windows. The c.1870 wood-paneled door with transom leads to the central hallway. A one-room addition in 1883 changed the central hallway plan to a gabled wing cottage plan. The two wood-paneled entry doors that are located on the south elevation were added at this time, one where the exterior chimney was and one in the new addition. This addition relocated the front entrance to face Pace's Mill Road. The 1950s addition is accessed by a ramp, deck and small porch, with wood columns under the standing-seam metal shed roof. There are two brick chimneys, one interior added c.1883, and one original exterior chimney on the north elevation. The historic entrance, with granite stairs from a previous house, is located on the west elevation. The interior layout remains intact from the 1883 renovation/addition. The interior retains its heart pine floors, wood-paneled doors, baseboards, crown molding, mantels, and window and door moldings. The wood ceiling is intact in the Victorian addition, while the rest of the rooms have drywall ceilings and walls. The property also contains several buildings that are newly constructed or were moved onto their present site to assist with the property's current use as an events facility. The National Register boundary has been drawn to exclude these other buildings.

3b. Period of Significance: c.1870 date of construction; 1883, addition/renovation.

3c. Acreage: Less than one acre.

3d. Boundary Explanation: The proposed boundary is the property immediately surrounding the building.

4a. National Register Criteria: B and C.

4b. National Register Areas of Significance: Architecture and Transportation.

4c. Statement of Significance: Solomon Pace's father, Hardy, operated a ferry across the Chattahoochee River near his large land holdings in Vinings. Hardy Pace, pioneer settler in Cobb County, had operated the ferry since the 1830s, after the last land lottery in 1832 opened this part of Georgia to white settlers. The ferry and the family home were destroyed during the Civil War. According to deed records, Solomon Pace built his house sometime between 1867 and 1874 on the same spot where the family home had been, with only the granite steps from the Hardy Pace home remaining. Pace built a Central Hallway Cottage, which he enlarged around 1883 into a Gabled Wing Cottage in the Folk Victorian style. After their daughter's death in 1907, the property went through a series of owners before Ruth Carter Vanneman, the great-granddaughter of Solomon Pace, purchased the property in 1952. Upon her death in 1992, the property went to the Vinings Historic Preservation Society. The house retains its character defining features and is significant in architecture as a good local example of a Gabled Wing Cottage.

The house is also significant in the area of transportation for its direct association with Solomon Pace who operated an important ferry for transportation across the Chattahoochee River. Before the building of bridges, ferries (or flatboats as they were called) provided the best means of transporting goods and people across rivers. In 1894, Pace reopened Pace's Ferry in partnership with his cousin, Hardy Isaiah Randall. The ferry transported passengers, rig and cattle across the Chattahoochee River for free as part of an agreement with Fulton County. While there were other ferries in Cobb County, Pace's was the only one in Vinings. It therefore contributed significantly to the growth of Vinings and the surrounding area. The ferry was operational until 1903 when it was replaced by an iron bridge. The house is the only known extant property associated with Solomon Pace, ferry operator, large landowner and farmer in Cobb County.

4d. Suggested Level of Significance: The Solomon and Penelopy House is being nominated at the local level of significance as a good example of a late 19th-century Gabled Wing Cottage that was associated with a prominent Cobb County family and ferry operator.

5. Sponsor: The Vinings Historic Preservation Society sponsored the nomination. Georgia State University Masters in Heritage Preservation students prepared the nomination materials.