

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

1. Name: Pope-Talmadge House.
2. Location: 2560 Calvin Road, Monticello vicinity, Jasper County, Georgia. *USGS Quadrangle: Monticello, GA.*
- 3a. Description: Located in a rural area north of Monticello, the county seat of Jasper County, the Pope-Talmadge House is a one-story, frame, Georgian cottage that was constructed c.1883. The house has a hip roof, two interior chimneys, a fieldstone foundation, and weatherboard siding. The shed-roof front porch has turned posts and balustrade. The front façade is symmetrical with six-over-six sash windows and a central door with transom. To the rear of the house is an ell attached by a partially enclosed breezeway. The ell may possibly predate the house but there is no firm historical or architectural evidence to support this. The ell now houses the kitchen and dining room. The interior of the house retains the original wood floors, ceilings, mantles, plaster and beadboard walls, wood door and window surrounds, and moldings. The central hall and front two rooms retain their flush-board walls. Changes include adding bathrooms to the rear rooms in the house and adding drywall and modern finishes to the rooms in the rear ell. There are three noncontributing outbuildings on the property: a pumphouse (2001) and a smokehouse and corncrib that were recently rebuilt using a majority of new materials. The property is informally landscaped with mature trees and shrubs and is located in a rural setting.
- 3b. Period of Significance: c.1883.
- 3c. Acreage: Approximately 4.5 acres.
- 3d. Boundary Explanation: The boundary is the house and its immediate setting, which is bounded by Calvin Road on the west, the legal property lines on the north and south, and the creek on the east.
- 4a. National Register Criteria: Criterion C.
- 4b. National Register Areas of Significance: Architecture.
- 4c. Statement of Significance: The Pope-Talmadge House was constructed c.1883 by Charles Weymon Pope (1851-1920), who was prosperous farmer and landowner in Jasper County. In the 1900 U.S. Census, Charles Pope, his wife Mary Elizabeth Hunter Pope, and their nine children are documented as living on the property. After Mary Pope's death in 1940, the house and approximately 30 acres were inherited by their daughter, Sallie Pauline Pope Talmadge. Sallie and her husband, Burton Lagare Talmadge, lived in the house and farmed the property until 1972, when their daughter Margaret Elizabeth Talmadge inherited the house and approximately 15 acres of land. The property is now owned by Margaret Talmadge's grandniece.

The Pope-Talmadge House is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a c.1883 Georgian cottage. According to *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Setting*, the Georgian cottage is the most popular and long-lived house type in Georgia with the greatest concentration built between 1850 and 1890. The Georgian cottage floor plan is characterized by a central hallway with two rooms on either side. The Pope-Talmadge House retains its character-defining floorplan with a central hall flanked by two rooms and historic materials.
- 4d. Suggested Level of Significance: The house is being nominated at the local level of significance as good example of a Georgian cottage in Jasper County.
5. Sponsor: The nomination is supported by the property owner, who prepared the nomination materials.