

SPRING HILL HISTORIC COMMISSION AGENDA APPLICATION

Date: 10/9/22

Name of Applicant: DOUG LACKEY Phone: 615-456-4868

Address: 5322 Main Str Spring Hill TN 37174

Name of Property Owner: HanHar LLC Phone: 615-456-4868

Address: P.O. Box 1802 Spring Hill TN 37174

Maury Co. Williamson Co. Tax Map: 0288 Parcel # 004.00

SECTION 1 – Request for Designation of Historically Significant Site:

I, DOUG LACKEY, pursuant to Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-406, request that the property and/or site located at 5322 Main Str Spring Hill, be designated by the City of Spring Hill as a Historically Significant Site.

The aforementioned property and/or site is (check all that apply, provide additional detail as necessary):

- Are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history or is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance;
- Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction;
- A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event;
- A religious property with historic importance;
- A cemetery; or
- Other (Please specify); Gorham Wing House / Doctor's Shoppe

This form, along with (7) copies of the description of the property or properties in question must be filed with any applicable fee, fourteen (14) days prior to the Historic Commission meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Doug Lackey
Applicant's Signature

Date Received by Historic Commission: 10/10/22

Placed on Historic Commission Agenda for meeting to be held on: Nov 3
April 13, 2023, at 6 p.m.

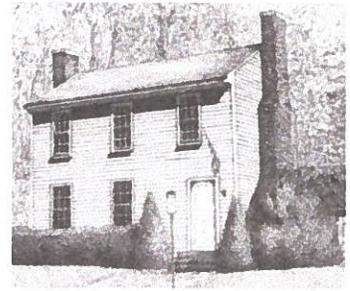
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Dana Jurien
Secretary of Historic Commission

The Doctor's Shoppe Spring Hill, Tennessee

By Michael Scott Alexander Smith

"... a calm curiosity in an otherwise hub of commotion"



The oldest house extant in Spring Hill, Tennessee, "The Doctor's Shoppe," as it is now known, was built by Gorham Alanson Wing—the town's first doctor. Wing, born on July 15, 1798, was a native of Massachusetts, and descended from one of America's first families. The Wings arrived via the Mayflower and later built The Wing Fort House near Sandwich, Massachusetts. The Wing family also has the designation of the oldest genealogical society in America, and each year they host "The Wing Ding" which is their enormous reunion. With representatives from every state in the nation, a different location is selected for every odd year; however, on the even years, the entire family gathers at the Wing Fort House.

Dr. Wing attended Bowdoin College in Maine and his small class of 1825 included future president Franklin Pierce, and authors Nathaniel Hawthorne and William Wadsworth Longfellow. He then moved to Roxboro, Persons County, North Carolina and began teaching at a girls' school. One of the pupils at that female institute would later marry Mr. McKissack of Spring Hill, a wealthy brickyard owner who sired the famous Jessie McKissack Peters. So it is likely that Mrs. McKissack was the one responsible for bringing Gorham Wing to Maury County. He built his home in the taste of New England by utilizing the fashionable saltbox style; however, this was rather unique to this area. Dr. Wing lived and practiced in the home, customarily accepting chickens and sacks of meal in lieu of money for payment. By the early 1850s he had vacated his home and moved into the McKissack House one block to the north. His visiting niece was introduced to the McKissack's oldest son and, after proper courtship, the young couple wed. Upon Dr. Wing's death in 1856 he was buried in the old city cemetery with a giant obelisk marking the grave. A lifelong bachelor, Dr. Wing had no descendants.

The next family to move into the home obviously did not like the saltbox style for they added wings and even a front porch with columns more suitable to Middle Tennessee's grander taste. The home was said to have been used as a hospital after the Battle of Franklin when so many were wounded it overwhelmed that town, and the victims began overflowing further south into tiny Spring Hill.

The house apparently changed hands a few times before the Methodist Church obtained it for their parsonage and it remained so for over half a century. Local communicants Ben Gary and Bobby Russell recall being children and coming to dances in the house. The late Mattie Laura Harris, living across the street her entire life, recalled how she would play with the minister's children and make peanut butter and jelly cracker sandwiches, and they would go camp in the backyard...feeling as though they were way out in the country.

In 1975, Barrow and Susan Brown obtained the property and realized what was hidden underneath the current home's structure. As the bicentennial celebration approached, Americans were not only extra patriotic, but also the fad for history, antiques and restoration of old homes had seldom been stronger. The Browns were committed to removing all of the additions to the original house. Some citizens thought the new owners had lost their minds as nobody living had ever seen the saltbox house which was still encapsulated by the current structure. However, once the remodeling was completed, everyone was satisfied with the "new" old house! The Browns, who had painstakingly obtained antique hardware, mantles and floorboards for detailing, then filled the home with fantastic Tennessee antiques—many are

in the State Museum today. They celebrated their first Christmas in the house that year, even planting their tannenbaum in the courtyard, which has now grown to over 30 feet! After many happy years residing at the Doctor's Shoppe, a cousin to the Browns named Sissi Haffner Osborne obtained the property and, after more restoration, resided happily there as well.

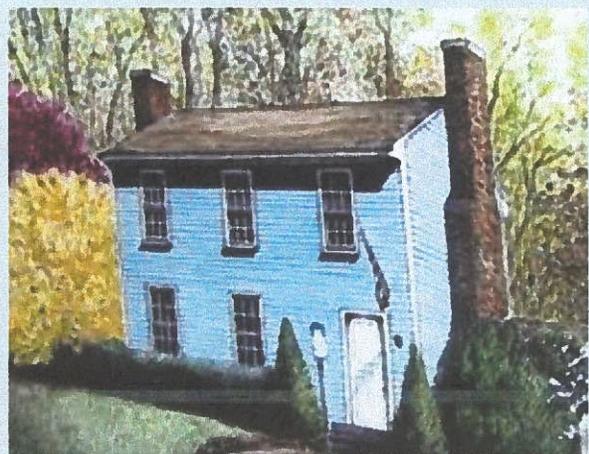
Twelve years ago, having grown up in Franklin, Tennessee, Scott Smith was ready to get away from the growth of that town and decided to head south. He recalled coming through Spring Hill when it was home to only 700 residents and even as a youth watched the restoration of the house in the early 1990s and was fascinated with the unique architecture. As the latest resident he became obsessed with finding out more about this historic landmark. Aided by the internet, Smith discovered the Wing family and made contact. It was a thrill for both as Smith found out much information on the builder and the Wing ancestry while the Wings discovered what happened to a long lost member of their family! Being a bachelor without issue, Dr. Wing's line dissolved and nobody living had any clue as to where he was buried or that his beloved home place was still standing. In 2008, they invited Smith to attend the next Wing Ding where hundreds of relatives of Dr. Wing welcomed him cordially with the ancestral home Wing Fort House as the backdrop. The motley crew included graduates from Harvard and Princeton as well as tattooed bikers who had ridden on Harleys thousands of miles from California to attend this August event. Life was breathed back into dry bones as Dr. Gorham Wing was discussed, and his life's achievements were merited. Smith returned to Spring Hill and is delighted to share his discoveries with anyone who will stop to listen—claiming he never regretted leaving Franklin for his new home in historically rich Maury County.

As the town of Spring Hill has exploded with population, the Doctor's Shoppe continues to be mute testimony to those who kept the small town alive for two centuries. It survived the Civil War as well as two major fires in the 1930s which took out much of the historic downtown area of Spring Hill. Moreover, it also survived the devastating tornado of 1963 which destroyed much of the town. It is a calm curiosity in an otherwise hub of commotion where over 50,000 automobiles pass each day. Having been built with Roman numeraled logs of enormous proportions, and with mortise-and-tenon construction, the Doctor's Shoppe was built to last, and will, hopefully, stand for generations yet born to enjoy, study, and inquire "What's a doctor's shoppe? What's a Gorham Wing?"

Michael Scott Alexander Smith
The Doctor's Shoppe
Spring Hill, Tennessee
February, 2014



The Doctor's Shoppe, viewed from Hwy. 31 driving northward through Spring Hill (Nov. 2013)



The Doctor's Shoppe, as painted by artist Suzanne Way

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Real Estate Assessment Data

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County Number: 060

County Name: MAURY

Tax Year: 2022

Property Owner and Mailing Address

Jan 1 Owner:
 HANHAR LLC
 PO BOX 1802
 SPRING HILL, TN 37174

Property Location

Address: MAIN ST 5322

Map: 028B Grp: A Ctrl Map: 028B Parcel: 004.00 Pl: S/I: 000

Value Information

Reappraisal Year: 2022

Land Mkt Value: \$123,000
 Improvement Value: \$291,700
 Total Market Appraisal: \$414,700
 Assessment %: 40
 Assessment: \$165,880

General Information

Class: 08 - COMMERCIAL
 City #: 701 City: SPRING HILL
 SSD1: 000 SSD2: 000
 District: 03 Mkt Area: S70
 # Bldgs: 1 # Mobile Homes: 0
 Utilities - Water / Sewer: 03 - PUBLIC / INDIVIDUAL Utilities - Electricity: 01 - PUBLIC
 Utilities - Gas / Gas Type: 00 - NONE Zoning:

Subdivision Data

Subdivision:
 Plat Bk: Plat Pg: Block: Lot:

Additional Description

COUNTRY LIVING-NEWBIE CUSTOM DECOR

Building Information

Building # 1
 Improvement Type: 07 - RENTAL Stories: 2
 Living/Business Sq. Ft.: 2,839
 Foundation: 02 - CONTINUOUS FOOTING Floor System: 04 - WOOD W/ SUB FLOOR
 Exterior Wall: 12 - BRICK/WOOD Structural Frame: 00 - NONE
 Roof Framing: 02 - GABLE/HIP Roof Cover/Deck: 03 - COMPOSITION SHINGLE
 Cabinet/Millwork: 03 - AVERAGE Floor Finish: 11 - CARPET COMBINATION
 Interior Finish: 07 - DRYWALL Paint/Decor: 03 - AVERAGE
 Heat and A/C: 08 - HEAT & COOLING PKG Plumbing Fixtures: 10
 Bath Tile: 00 - NONE Electrical: 04 - ABOVE AVERAGE
 Shape: 01 - RECTANGULAR DESIGN Quality: 01 - AVERAGE
 Act Yr Built: 1900 Condition: A - AVERAGE
 Building Areas:
 Area: BAS Sq Ft: 2,380
 Area: USF Sq Ft: 459
 Area: SPF Sq Ft: 90
 Area: OPF Sq Ft: 63

Extra Features

Bldg/Card#	Type	Description	Units
1	STOOP		15

Sale Information

Sale Date	Price	Book	Page	Vac/Imp	Type Instrument	Qualification
11/27/2019	\$300,000	R2598	553	IMPROVED	WD	A
01/06/1995	\$0	1243	544			
02/14/1989	\$75,000	807	580	IMPROVED	WD	I
09/09/1987	\$75,000	779	330	IMPROVED	AO	D
08/30/1985	\$0	737	784			

Land Information

Deed Acres: 0.00 Calc Acres: 0.00 Total Land Units: 1.00
 Land Type: 01 - RESIDENTIAL Soil Class: Units: 1.00

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WARRANTY DEED

mail

FROM: JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR, and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN
TO: AMERICAN RESORT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a ^{North} Carolina Corporation

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: JAMES W. PARNELL, Attorney Suite 200, 130 4th Ave., S. Franklin, TN 37064 (615) 794-1333

Address New Owner(s) as Follows: Send Tax Bills To: Map Parcel Nos.:
American Resort Management Corp. Same -----
1901 Roxborough Rd., Suite 205 Field Book Nos. -----
Charlotte, NC 28211 -----

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF *Williamson*)

The actual consideration or value, whichever is greater for this transfer is \$140,000.00

J.W. Parnell

AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this the 30 day of *Aug.* 1985.

J.W. Parnell

NOTARY PUBLIC



My Commission Expires: 7/11/89

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) cash in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR, and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do transfer and convey unto the said AMERICAN RESORT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a ^{North} Carolina Corporation, its heirs, successors, and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Maury County, Tennessee, described as follows, to-wit:

The following described lot is located in the Third Civil District, City of Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee. The same being the Mrs. J. W. Pinkleton property that is a deed of record in Book 287, page 332, Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee. Bounded on the North and East by the Scoville property. Bounded on the South by the Mitchum property. Bounded on the West by the right-of-way of a five foot sidewalk and U. S. 31 Highway. Beginning with an iron pipe in the East margin of a five foot sidewalk, the Southwest corner of the property being described, also the same point of beginning being the northwest corner of the Mitchum property; thence with the South margin of the sidewalk North 28 degrees 30 min. East 97 feet to an iron pipe, the same point being the Northwest corner of

the property being described, also the Southwest corner of the Scoville property. Thence with the South border of the Scoville property South 61 degrees 30 min. East 137 feet to an iron pipe, the same being the Northeast corner of the tract being described. Thence with a west boundary of Scoville South 31 degrees West 99 feet to an iron pipe and the North boundary line of the Mitchum property; thence with the North boundary of the Mitchum property North 61 degrees West 131.7 feet to the point of beginning, according to survey of James T. Brewer, dated February 10, 1975.

Being the same property conveyed to James Barrow Brown, Jr., and wife, Susan B. Brown of record in Book 553, page 470, Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of land, with the appurtenances, estate, title and interest thereto belonging to the said AMERICAN RESORT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a North Carolina Corporation, its heirs, successors, and assigns, forever.

And JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR., and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, do covenant with the said AMERICAN RESORT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a North Carolina Corporation, that they are lawfully seized and possessed of said land in fee simple, have a good right to convey it, and the same is unencumbered except as follows:

1) Said property is subject to the 1985 city and county and state taxes, which have been prorated and will be paid by the Grantee, in full, when due.

2) Subject to Grantor's right of possession for ninety (90) days from date of this deed.

And JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR., and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, do further covenant and bind themselves, their heirs, successors, and representatives, to warrant and forever defend the title to the said land to the said AMERICAN RESORT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a North Carolina Corporation, its heirs, successors, and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

WITNESS our hands this the 30 day of August, 1985.

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James Barrow Brown, Jr.
JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR.

Susan B. Brown
SUSAN B. BROWN

REGISTERED
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I hereby certify that I registered the above Instrument the 13 day of Sept 1985

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Lewis W. Gude
Register
Katharine H. Satter

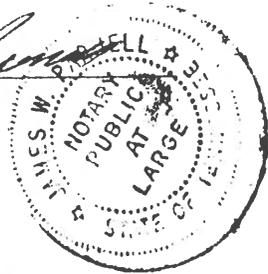
Lewis W. Gude
Katharine H. Satter

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF Williamson)

Personally appeared before me,
James Barrow Brown, Jr., a Notary Public of said county, James Barrow Brown, Jr., with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand, at office, this 30 day of August, 1985.

James Barrow Brown, Jr.
NOTARY PUBLIC



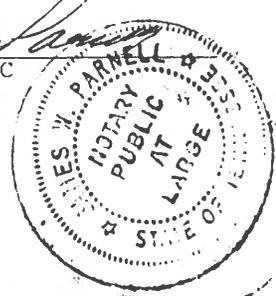
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James Barrow Brown, Jr.
NOTARY PUBLIC



My Commission Expires: 7/11/89

This instrument prepared by
S. Dawson Frierson, Jr., Attorney
807 South Garden Street
Columbia, Tennessee

Send Tax Bill To:
Mr. & Mrs. James Barrow Brown, Jr.
Spring Hill, Tennessee

INSTALLMENT DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars, of which One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars has been paid in cash by the Grantees hereinafter named, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the remainder of said consideration the said Grantees have executed their promissory installment note in the amount of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000.00) Dollars, of even date herewith, bearing interest at the rate of seven and one-half (7-1/2%) per centum per annum from date, payable to RUTH BARKER, in three hundred (300) monthly installments in the amount of Eighty-one Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents (\$81.29) each, including principal and interest, beginning and becoming due and payable on November 15, 1973, and the same amount being due and payable on the fifteenth (15th) day of each consecutive month thereafter for a total of two hundred ninety-nine (299) months until said installment note is paid in full, and to secure payment of said note, principal and interest, and attorney's fees, a lien is expressly retained on the land herein conveyed, and now I, RUTH BARKER, have this day bargained and sold and do hereby sell, transfer and convey unto JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR. and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, as tenants by the entirety, their heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the town of Spring Hill and the Third Civil District of Maury County, Tennessee, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit;

Fronting on the East side of Jackson Highway, or U. S. Highway No. 31, approximately 97.4 ft., running back or

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Lo. Jas. Barrow Brown

Box 146

Spring Hill Tenn

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extending in depth a distance of approximately 137.2 ft. to the Western margin of the 0.29 acre tract George S. Scoville and wife purchased from Mrs. J. W. Pinkleton on June 25, 1970, a deed of record recorded in Book 513, page 751 of the Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee. Bounded on the North by Scoville, on the East by Scoville, on the South by Mitchum and on the West by U. S. Highway No. 31. Same being the Western portion of the property purchased by Mrs. J. W. Pinkleton from Will F. Odil, Sr. et ux dated April 12, 1951, evidenced by a deed recorded in Book 287, page 332 of the Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee, except a strip on the North 13.1 ft. in width.

Said premises was inherited by the Grantor herein from Mrs. J. W. Pinkleton by Will admitted to probate June 25, 1973, in Will Book "N", page 451.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR. and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, as tenants by the entirety, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple forever, together with all rights, title, interest, appurtenances, easements and hereditaments thereunto belonging and pertaining.

And I do hereby covenant with the said JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR. and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, that I am lawfully seized and possessed of said tract or parcel of land in fee simple, have a good and legal right to convey it and the same is unencumbered.

And I do further covenant and bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to warrant and defend the said premises to the said JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR. and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, their heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

The 1973 property taxes are to be pro rated.

AND NOW, for the purpose of better and more effectually securing the payment of said installment lien note, and rendering unnecessary Court proceedings for the enforcement of said lien in the event of the non-payment of said note or the installments thereof as same matures, as hereinafter provided, and for the consideration

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of One (\$1.00) Dollar, cash in hand paid, we, JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR. and wife, SUSAN B. BROWN, have bargained and sold and by these presents, do hereby sell, transfer and convey unto J. Dawson Frierson, Jr., Attorney, Columbia, Tennessee, Trustee, his successors and assigns, the above described real estate and all interests thereunto belonging, in trust, nevertheless, for the purposes aforesaid only.

We, the said Grantees, do hereby agree to keep all improvements now on or to be hereafter erected on said property, insured in some reliable fire insurance company or companies, with extended coverage for at least the amount of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars until the installment note herein secured is fully paid, and to have the loss, if any, made payable on the policy or policies to said Trustee for the benefit of the lawful owner and holder of said installment note, as his interest may appear. We further agree to keep the improvements on said property in good repair and preservation, and to pay all taxes and assessments thereon, and to pay them when due; and in case we fail to do either, then the said Trustee, or the lawful owner and holder of said installment note may do any or all of these things, and charge and treat the sum or sums so expended as a part of the indebtedness secured herein, the same to bear interest from the date of said payment.

NOW, if the said Grantees shall pay the hereinabove described note and each installment thereof when due according to its terms, and shall perform the other covenants and agreements herein set forth, then this instrument shall be void and of no further force or effect. But if they fail to pay the said sums when due as aforesaid, or any part thereof, according to the terms of said note, or to perform the other conditions hereof, then all of the indebtedness hereby secured shall, at the option of the holder of said note, and without notice, become immediately due and payable, and upon such default, this conveyance remains in full force and effect,

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and said Trustee, or his successors or assigns, in trust, is hereby authorized and empowered upon giving twenty (20) days notice by three (3) publications in any newspaper published in Maury County, Tennessee, to sell said property at public auction at the south door of the Courthouse in Maury County, Tennessee, to the highest bidder, for cash, and free from the equity of redemption, dower, homestead and all other exemptions of every kind, which are hereby expressly waived, and the said Trustee, or his successors in trust, is authorized to make a deed to the purchaser. The creditor or holder of the above described note may bid at any sale under this conveyance. It is understood and further agreed that said Trustee, or his successors in trust, may at any time after default in payment of said note or any installment thereof, enter and take possession of said property and shall only account for net rents received by him.

In case of sale under this Trust the proceeds will be applied by the Trustee:

FIRST: To the payment of all costs, charges, and expenses of executing this conveyance and enforcing said lien as herein provided; also reasonable attorney's fees for advice in the premises, or for instituting or defending any litigation which may arise on account of the execution of this conveyance, or the enforcement of said lien, also the expenses of any such litigation.

SECOND: To the payment of all taxes which may be unpaid on said premises.

THIRD: To the payment of all unpaid installments on the note herein secured, and any and all sums expended in the protection of said property, as herein authorized.

FOURTH: The residue, if any, will be paid to the Grantees herein, their heirs, representatives or assigns.

In case of the death, absence, inability or refusal to act of said Trustee at any time when action under the foregoing power and trusts may be required, the lawful owner and holder of said installment note is hereby authorized and empowered to name and appoint a

to execute this trust by an instrument in writing to be recorded in the Registrar's Office for Maury County, Tennessee, and the title herein conveyed to the said Trustee shall be vested in said successor. Said Trustee shall execute this trust without being required to give bond, and he shall not be required to file an account or settlement in relation to this trusteeship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the said Grantor and the said Grantees, have caused this installment deed to be executed on this the 2nd day of August, 1973.

MAURY COUNTY REGISTER
- record for record this 3rd day Aug 23
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 1973
- 10.00

Ruth Barker
RUTH BARKER

GRANTOR

Reginald Anderson

James Barrow Brown, Jr.
JAMES BARROW BROWN, JR.

Lois W. Anderson

Susan B. Brown
SUSAN B. BROWN

STATE OF TENNESSEE, MAURY COUNTY
Transfer Tax \$31.20 Mortgage Tax \$9.00
Probate Fee \$50 Total Paid \$40.20
Receipt No. 1124 Received By Anderson
3 Day Of Aug 1973

GRANTEES

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
)
COUNTY OF MAURY)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, the within named Ruth Barker, James Barrow Brown, Jr. and wife Susan B. Brown, bargainors, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and seal at Columbia, Tennessee, this the 2nd day of August, 1973.

Hawson C. Cress
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: April 19, 1976.

STATE OF TENNESSEE) The actual consideration or value, whichever is
COUNTY OF MAURY) greater, for this transfer is \$12,000.00.

sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of August, 1973.

James Barrow Brown, Jr.

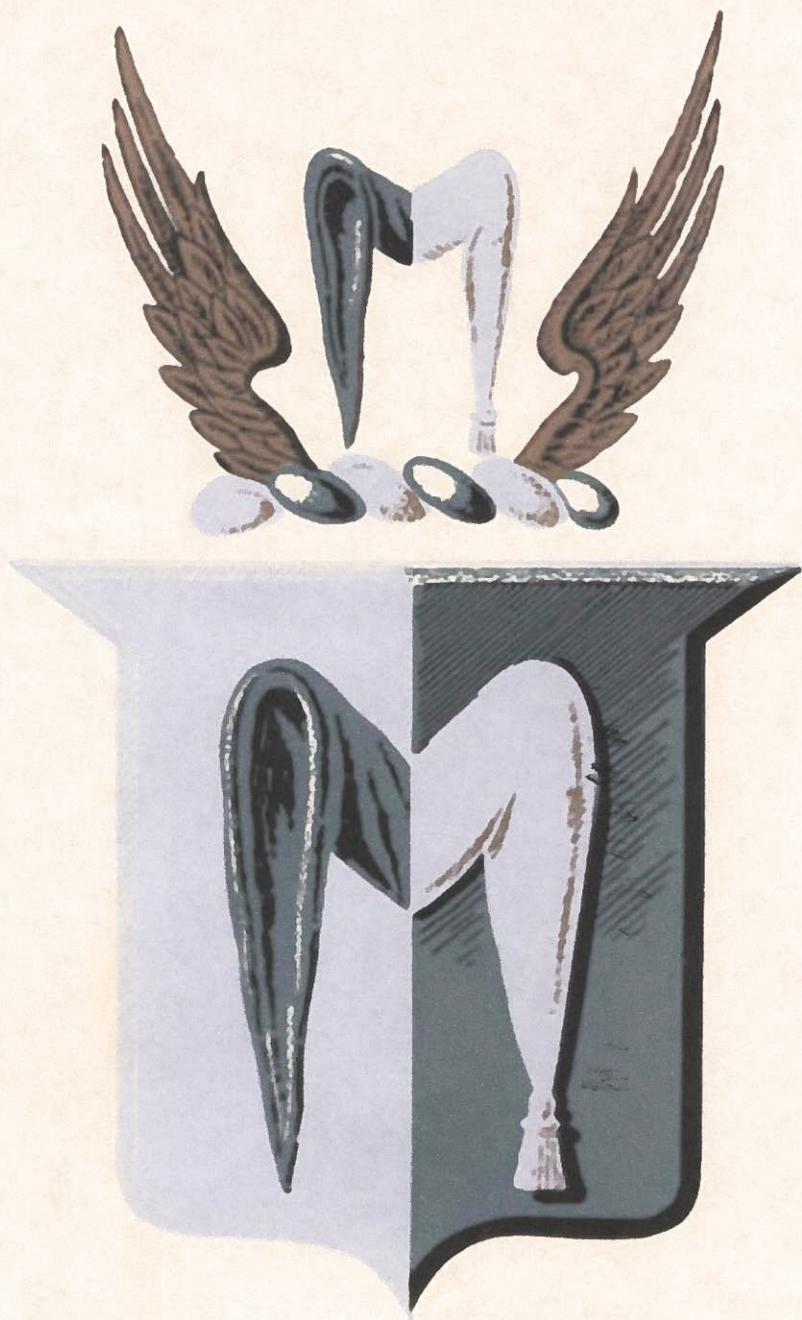
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I hereby certify that I registered the above instrument the 6 day of Aug 1973

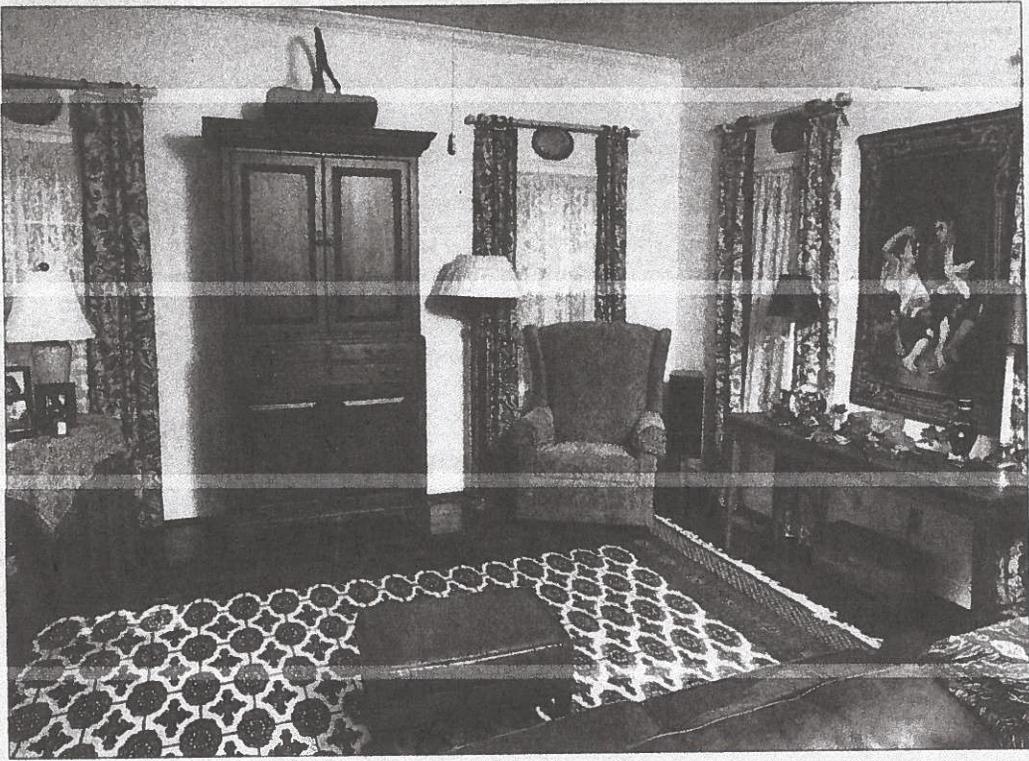
Hawson C. Cress
NOTARY PUBLIC

Reginald Anderson
Reg.
Lois W. Anderson

My Commission Expires: April 19, 1976.



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The Doctor's Shoppe, 5322 Main St. in Spring Hill, has been through five "add-ons" since being built in 1825-35. This sitting room is the most recent addition.

THE
**DOCTOR'S
 SHOPPE IS IN**

*Majestic tour
 spotlights
 Maury County*

By **FIONA SOLTES**
Staff Writer

This something old is something new; some of it's borrowed and guess what? It's even blue.

The Doctor's Shoppe, the oldest standing house in downtown Spring Hill, Tenn.,

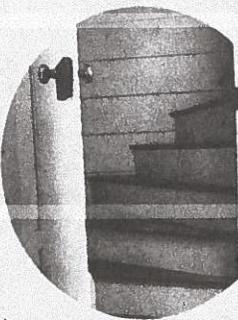
CLOSE-UP
 ♦ Homes and history also on the tour, on 5G

becomes a new addition to the Majestic Middle Tennessee Tour this weekend, offering a cozy, comfortable, lived-in alternative to some of the more stately structures of the event. The tour is the major fundraiser for the Maury County chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities.

Sissi Murphy, who owns The Doctor's Shoppe with her husband Tom, leads a visitor through the meandering hallways and rooms, accumulated through five "add-ons" and considerable renovations.

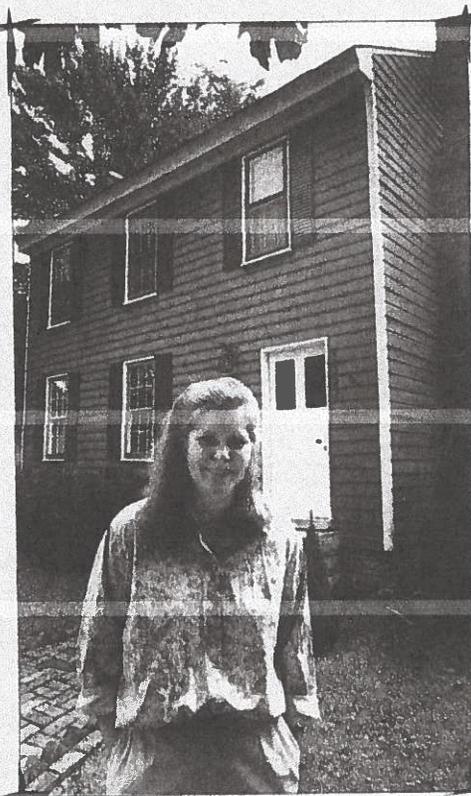
She apologizes for the magazines stacked in a corner, places the remote control out of view of the camera and laments the dust on the screened-in porch. Yes, she admits, it'll take some

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Getting there

The 28th annual Maury County Majestic Middle Tennessee Fall Tour takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. next Sunday in Columbia and Spring Hill, Tenn. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$14 for those 60 and older; \$10 for students 18 and under; and children under 6 get in free. Lunch will be served on the porch of the Athenaeum for an additional cost, and a Civil War Re-Enactment will take place on the grounds of Elm Springs during the tour. Tickets may be purchased at The Athenaeum, Pippa Villa and the Polk Home at tour time. Tickets are good for the whole weekend. For more information, call 361-4822.



Sissi Murphy stands outside The Doctor's Shoppe, the oldest standing home in downtown Spring Hill. These stairs, at left, restored to match the original stairs of the two-story house, are steep, narrow and frightful enough that the owners often keep the upstairs closed.

PHOTOS BY FRANK EMPSON / STAFF

Doctor's Shoppe is in

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work to get the house ready for the tour, but organizers — and friends — talked her into it. It is, after all, an historic landmark. It was, after all, the home of bachelor doctor Gorham Wing in the mid-1800s. And it really is a charming old house.

Once a two-story, rectangular structure with fireplaces at either end and a steep, narrow staircase between them, The Doctor's Shoppe was built between the years 1825-35. Wing, a general practitioner from Maine, used the house for his medical practice from 1837-54.

Sissi Murphy admits she doesn't know much about Gorham, but she does know a thing or two about restoring houses.

"I've always been interested in it," she said. "I'm from this area, and my father restored the McKisack House (in downtown Spring Hill) in the mid-1970s. So I lived through the whole process, the walls, the floors being out, and I saw it all come together."

Luckily for Murphy, her cousins had done much of the work on The Doctor's Shoppe before she got there. Barry Brown, a teacher, art historian and designer of the Maury County flag, lived in the home in the 1970s with his wife, Susie. The two did extensive renovations, Murphy said, including tearing down an 1880s two-story addition on one side, and restoring the staircase based on evidence found in the ceiling, floor and wall.

The house fell vacant for several years, and by the time the Murphys bought it in 1989, restoration was needed again. Though most of the changes have been cosmetic, the Murphys have added a large sitting

room in the back, the screened-in porch, a second bathroom and an arbor.

Sissi Murphy, who works with Tribune Entertainment, also painstakingly added a hardwood floor in one of the hallways to match the floor in the original part of the house.

"I worked and worked to get that stain right," she said.

The rooms are decorated mostly in burgundy and green, furnished with antiques "on loan" from her father, a former antique dealer, and odds and ends from junk shops, reproduction pieces and one-of-a-kind carpentry.

"Mine is an eclectic blend," she said. "They've asked me to be in this tour every time, and I've declined. But this year, I feel like I finally had enough pulled together to make it presentable." ■

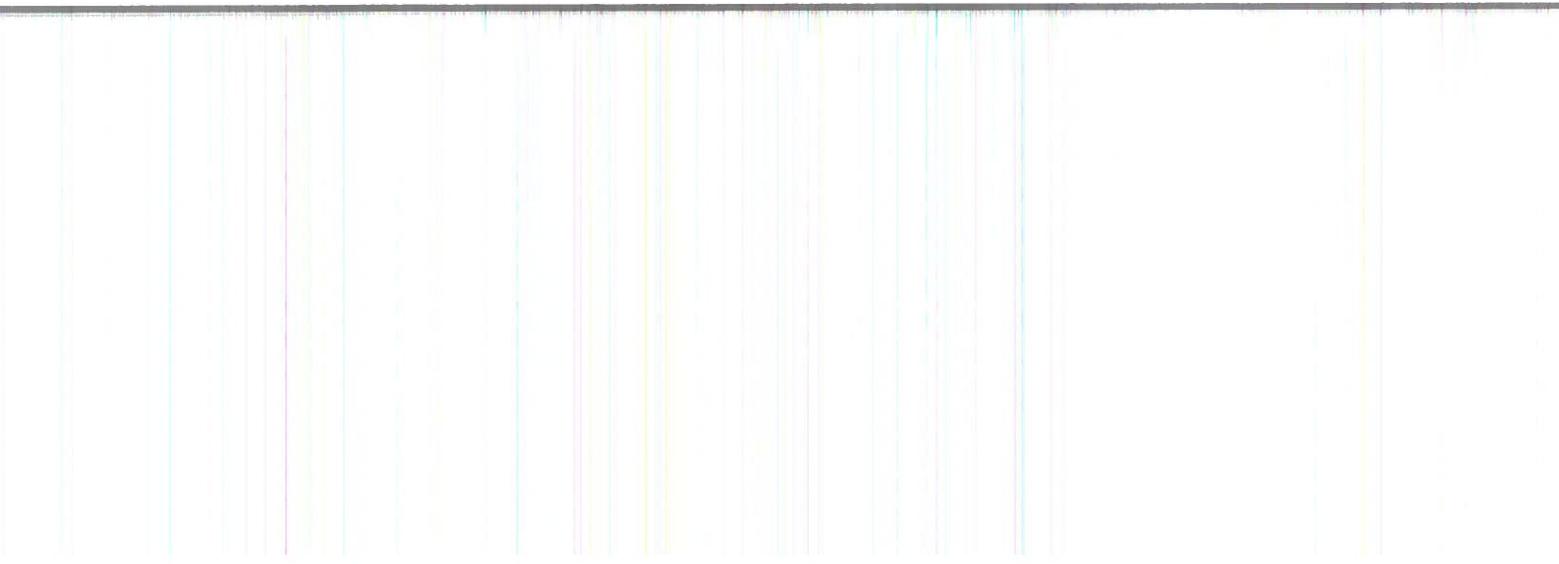
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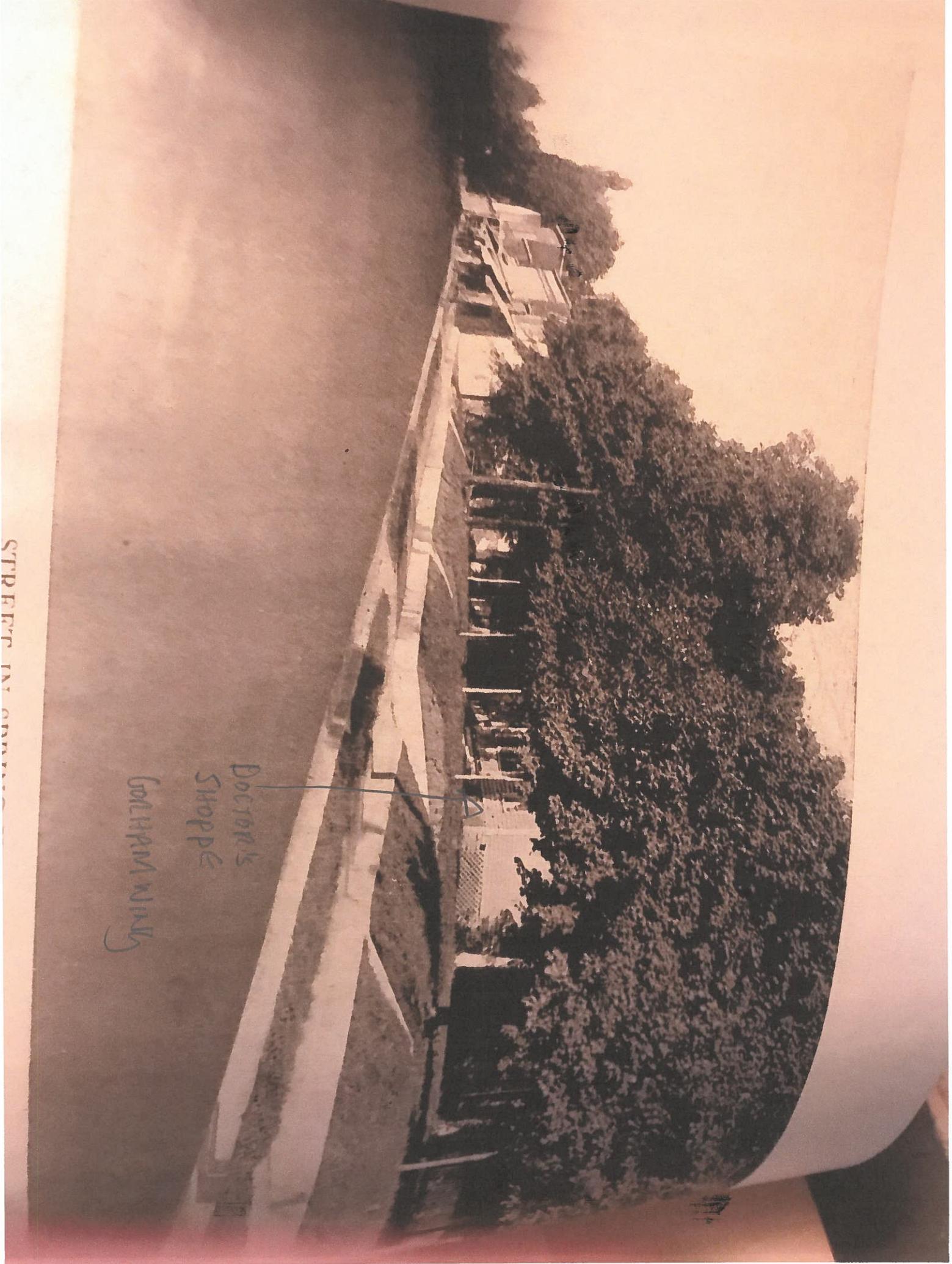
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## Historic home to become business

**JAY POWELL**

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**SPRING HILL** — What could be the city's oldest home is in the process of possibly one day converting to a commercial business on Main Street.

On Monday, the city's Municipal Planning Commission approved site plans for the former residential property at 5322 Main Street, which according to the Spring Hill Historic Commission dates back to 1825-1835, although it is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places or Spring Hill's list of Historically-Significant Properties.

The home's original builder, Dr. Gorham Wing, is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

No details were discussed as to what the business will be once the building is converted. However, during the planning commission's March 23 work session meeting City Planning Director Steve Foote said the applicant, Crunk Engineering, is requesting some type of retail use.

"It is a historic structure, and probably one of the oldest structures in the city of Spring Hill," Foote said. "It's not on the National Register as far as I can tell, but it is a nice older building."

The site is currently accessible through a single one-lane access driveway off Main Street, which the applicant would have to obtain a permit from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Changing the site's use from residential to commercial would also require another driveway access, Foote said.

The building's historic structure will also be retained, according to the site plan, and that only the lower portion will be used for commercial business.

"No changes are proposed to the historic structure at this point in time," Foote said. "No additional lighting has been proposed at the site, and they have provided seven parking spaces, which allows them to have a commercial use on the bottom floor. No use is proposed for the upstairs."

Planners had minimal discussion on the item before unanimously approving the site plan 6-0.

City asks for public's patience

Last week, the City of Spring Hill issued a press release requesting citizens remain patient as brush and bulk curbside pickup crews work to maintain the increased waste levels at residential homes.

The increased bulk and trash has, unfortunately, left cleanup crews and Waste Management staff working behind schedule, reducing staff numbers to two-man teams to comply with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) health and safety guidelines.

"The beautiful weather, couples with following the governor's stay-at-home order has, understandably, resulted in more than usual Spring cleanup at homes around our city," the release states. "We are asking for continued patience and cooperation through this season, and know that we are doing our best to meet the significant additional demand. We pick up bulk items and junk on Mondays, and brush is picked up throughout the rest of the week."

Residents with bulky items should call ahead to arrange for pickup by contacting Spring Hill Public Works at (931) 486-1265 ext. 479. For information on Waste Management, contact Public Sector Rep. Dawn Cole at (615) 717-8185 or email [dcole3@wm.com](mailto:dcole3@wm.com).

"These are unfortunate, but unavoidable consequences of the COVID-19 situation and we hope to see daylight soon," the release states. "Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we work through this together as a community."

# Wing Fort House

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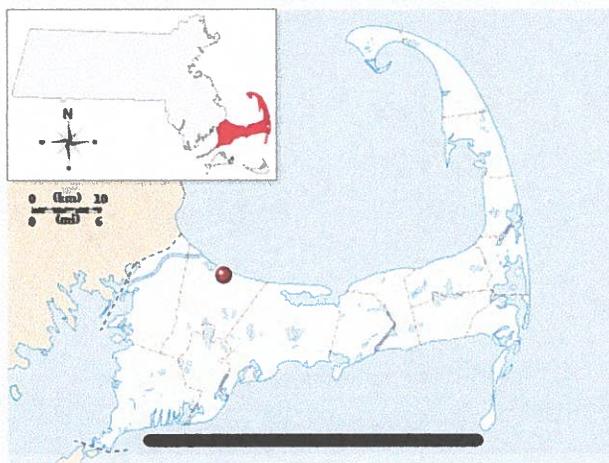
**Wing Fort House** is a historic house at Spring Hill Road in **East Sandwich, Massachusetts**, located within the **Spring Hill Historic District**.

## Wing Fort House

U.S. National Register of Historic Places



The house in 2013



# WING HOMESTEAD

## WING FAMILY (1686 - 1967)

Daniel Wing, Jr. built the earliest part of the house in 1686 and farmed the surrounding land. The Wing family were early European settlers of Sandwich. Over the years the house was enlarged as the family grew. The Wings continued the farm for the next 200 years. In the 1850s, Ebenezer Wing and his sister Lydia were the last Wings to live here. Accounts of the property at that time describe three separate orchards growing at least 40 varieties of apples. The house has passed through several owners over the years.

## SHAWMUT FARM (1921 - 1967)

Charles O. Dexter purchased this property in 1921. A textile mill owner from New Bedford, he had recently been diagnosed with a heart condition and was not expected to live long. In his remaining time, he wished to pursue his longtime interest in horticulture. The due health prediction was wrong and Dexter lived for another 22 years. Here at "Shawmut Farm" he developed an interest in hybridizing rhododendrons. He collected plants from sources far and wide, built a greenhouse, and eventually developed an estimated 200,000 rhododendron seedlings. Many of these plants are still alive and flowering on the grounds today.

## HERITAGE (1967 - PRESENT)

When Josiah K. Lilly III and his wife Josephine were looking for land for their planned museum, this property fit the bill and they purchased it in 1967. Construction began immediately and the museum opened to the public in 1969. This house is now used as administrative offices for the museum.



Interior of Wing Home, 1967, under renovation

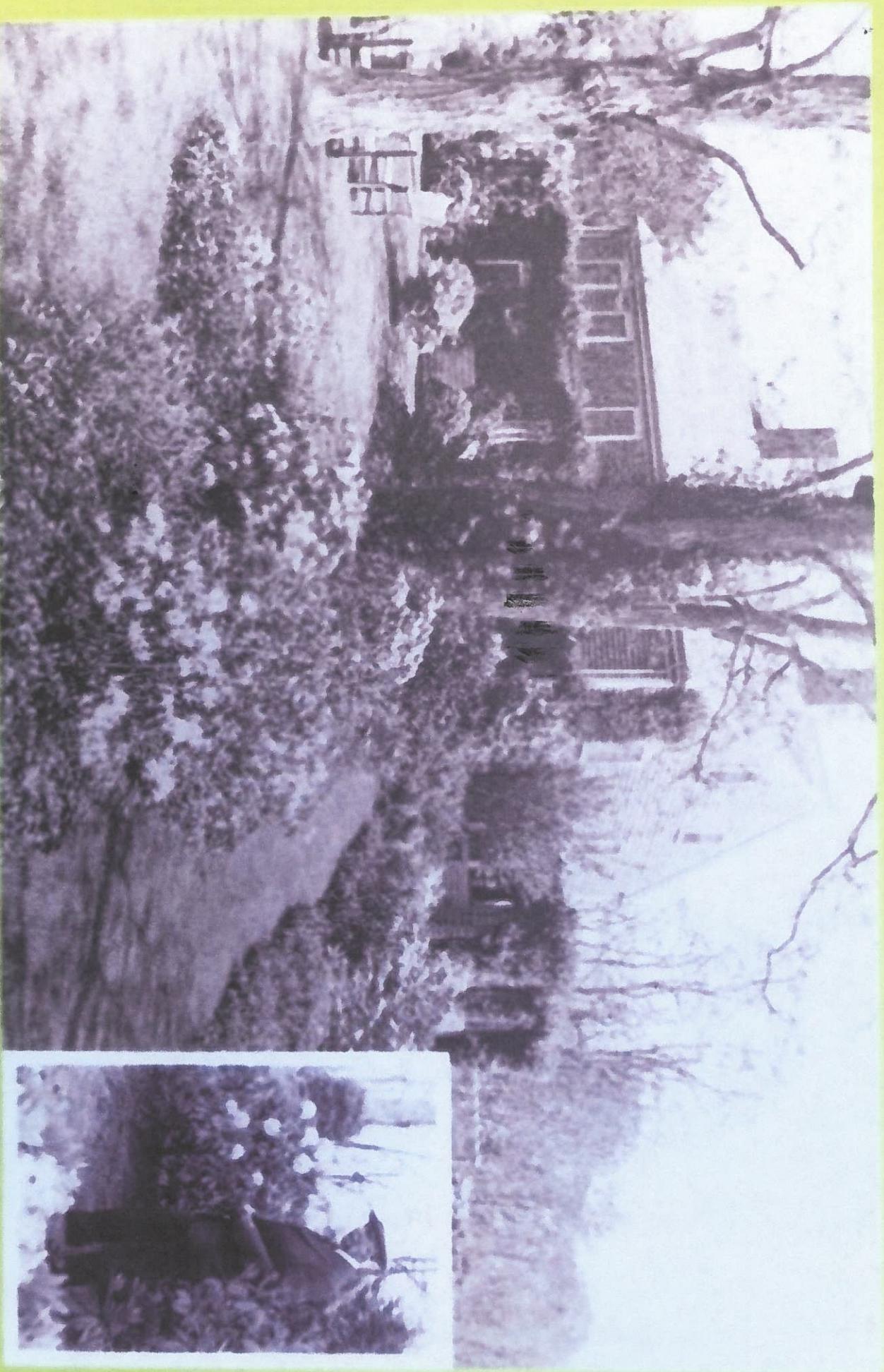


Shawmut Farm, 1921, under renovation



Rhododendron flower

**owering on the grounds today.**



**Images from left to right: This photo from 1928 shows how extensively Dexter planted with ornamental shrubs like rhododendrons and azaleas; Charles O. Dexter.**

