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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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Georgia
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Meriwether
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The Warner-Hill-Clark House is an example of the Greek Revival style built in the mid-nineteenth century. The present structure was constructed out of two cottages, one of which was built in 1836 on the site of the present house.

This two-story weatherboarded house has a hip roof and a double portico with four fluted Doric columns on each level. The pediment of the gabled porch has ornamental brackets. At the wall are fluted, matching pilasters. The side lights around the door of the lower story are more intricate than the ones above. As a result of the combining of the two cottages, the woodwork and style of the second story is slightly different from that of the lower story.

Originally at the rear of the house there was a simplified version of the double portico on the front facade. Later, part of the upper porch was enclosed for the addition of a bathroom. During the Clark's ownership the lower story was removed to accommodate a family room and breakfast room. A kitchen wing, added earlier, replaced the separate kitchen.

A small house, still standing, was built in the backyard for Hiram Warner's brother, Obadiah Warner, a lawyer and judge. One of the two rooms of the cottage served as his office.

Hiram and Sarah Warner had imported English boxwoods planted in formal gardens near the house, some of which still flourish. Borders and parterres, square on one side of the yard and round on the other, were laid out. In later years, less attention was paid to the yard, and grass was planted, disregarding the formal designs.

When the Clarks bought the house in 1934, these gardens were restored with cuttings from the original plants. This was made possible by the hundreds of bulbs that, undisturbed through the years, continued to come up in the yard marking the old patterns.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warner-Hill-Clark House is a Greek Revival style structure, built out of two single-story buildings. Its owners, the Hiram Warner and Louie Cleveland Clark families, have been prominent in Georgia history

The fact that this house is a combination of two somewhat similar cottages, placed one on top of another is unusual; and that such a well-integrated design has been formed from this merger is even more significant. Originally the house was a one-story cottage built by Judge Hiram Warner in 1836, and c. 1869 Judge Warner's daughter, Mary Jane Warner Hill, added a second story. This was accomplished by dismantling a similar cottage nearby, formerly the home of Rev. Abner Reeves Callaway (1832-1893), ancestor of the noted Callaway textile family.

Judge Hiram Warner (1802-1881), builder of the original cottage on the Warner-Hill-Clark House site, was a brilliant lawyer, judge, prominent statesman and successful landowner and planter. Warner was a native of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and came to Georgia in 1822 to teach; but he soon began reading law in the Georgia and U.S. judicial and congressional systems, serving as Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and in the House of Representatives in the 34th Congress. As a plantation owner he was ahead of his time in using experimental methods of fertilizing and crop rotation.

Judge Warner's daughter, Mary Jane Hill, and her family owned the house until 1934 at which time Louie Cleveland Clark bought the property. Clark, an outstanding college athlete, was active in local and state politics and served as Clerk of the Court for Meriwether County. Mrs. Clark, who restored the gardens, still lives in the house.



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