

A HISTORY OF LINCOLN SALOON

9 LINCOLN STREET, SAVANNAH GA

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INTRODUCTION

The Lincoln Saloon was a two-story, wood frame, side hallway, vernacular style house with a hipped roof. The building was modest in design with clapboard siding; however, ornate cast-iron brackets were present on the south-east corner which would have supported a 2nd floor balcony at one point in time.

9 Lincoln Street is located in Savannah, Georgia; within Reynolds Ward. The building sat on the southeast corner of Bay Lane and Lincoln Street in the Savannah Downtown Historic District.

Over its lifespan the building had multiple addresses:

5 Lincoln

5, 5 1/2, & 11 Lincoln (three residences)

9 Lincoln

The building, built circa 1830, had alterations through the years but consistently maintained a significant amount of historic integrity. As of 2022, the building had sat vacant for numerous years. The newest owners of 9 Lincoln hired Re:Purpose Savannah to deconstruct the historic building, allowing all materials to be reclaimed and a history preserved.

Research has left three areas of opportunity for further research. If more research is warranted, Ethos Preservation would recommend looking into the fire that took place in 1888, the enslaved people that were owned by the Rosse family, and deed research to pinpoint dates of ownership. Ancestry.com contains images related to the Rosse family, however, they are privately posted by the family and need permission from account holder to access.

CHAIN OF TITLE

1846-1874 Rosse Family

Joseph Rosse: born circa 1784 and died 1875, immigrant from Italy, owned liquor store located in building, store closed in 1861.

1867

William Duggan, Laborer; Michael Duggan, Laborer

1874

Madaline (Mattie) Burns (mixed descent-AF-Am); John Burns (Son of Mattie) (mixed descent-AF-Am); Ann Blut; Alexander

1879-1887 Wall Family

W Thomas Wall/Walls: owned Saloon in building starting in 1879 (according to liquor license); Margaret Wall; both immigrated from Ireland.

1880

Boarders wanted

1885

Margaret Widowed

1885

Boarders wanted

1888 Owner unknown

1888

J. Nowlan, laborer (AF-Am); Joseph McClennan, porter (AF-Am)

1888

May 15th: Fire that burned roof and side wing. "Incendiary" \$8,700 loss

1890-1955 Walsh family

Jeremiah Walsh, Watchman/Guard at City Jail; Catherine Walsh, Grocer

1897

Johanna Walsh, Teacher at Cathedral School (Miss); Josie E. Walsh (Miss), Teacher

1900

Johanna at "11" Lincoln

1901

Jeremiah M. Walsh Jr., Laborer

1906

Catherine Wid., Teacher; Annie Grace, Wid.

1914

J. M. Walsh Jr.; Catherine Walsh

CHAIN OF TITLE

1916

Miss. Maggie Daley; Freelove & Phillip Allen

1919

Susie Jackson (AF-Am); Frank Jackson (AF-Am)

1924-1928

Beatrice Jackson (AF-Am); Alice Jackson (AF-Am); Elijah Jackson (AF-Am)

1928

Ella Massey

1925

Johanna E. Walsh; Jeremiah Walsh

1927

Hannah Grace, Wid. of Edward

1940

Estate of Catherine Walsh

1951-1958

Kate A. Walsh

1962 Katherine Donahue

1992-2004 Summerlin Family

William T. Summerlin; Linda L. Summerlin

1996 Jack H. Rhodes; Mike Lanier; Leonard Celaven

1999-2004 Jane E Rhodes

2004-2006

Jane Nicol Miley

2013-2016

Profligacy Hotel Group LLC

2017-2018

Lincoln Hotel Investors

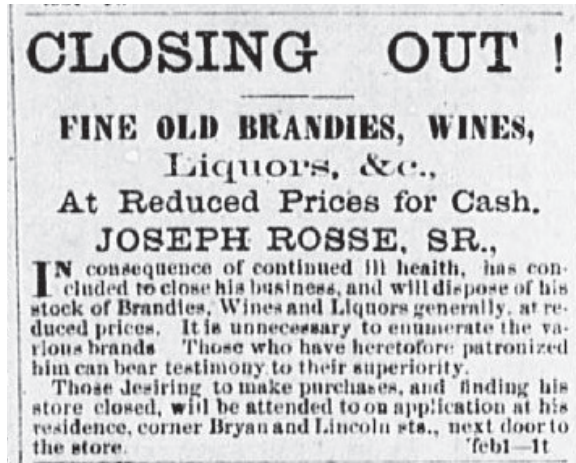
2019-Present

Smith Family Investors



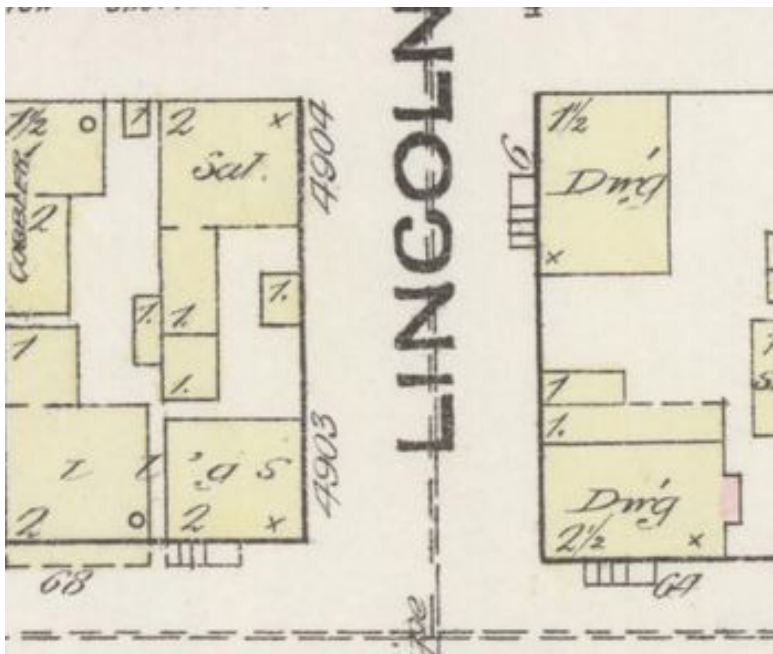
STRUCTURE TIMELINE

Based upon evidence found of the first known residents, the Rosse family, the building at 9 Lincoln Street was originally constructed circa 1830. Joseph Rosse and his family ran a liquor store out of the building. By 1861, Mr. Rosse had fallen ill and the liquor store closed its doors at the Lincoln location.



Savannah Morning News 1861

The earliest record showing the building is the 1884 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. The building included a one-story attached wing on the south-west side of the property. Two additional smaller wooden framed structures can be seen in the 1884 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, one abutting the south end of the wing and the other on the east side abutting the property line. The building was wood framed with a wooden shingles. The Rosse family had moved from 9 Lincoln by 1884 and the Wall family had started operating a saloon at the location as early as 1879. The saloon continued to operate until circa 1885.



1884 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

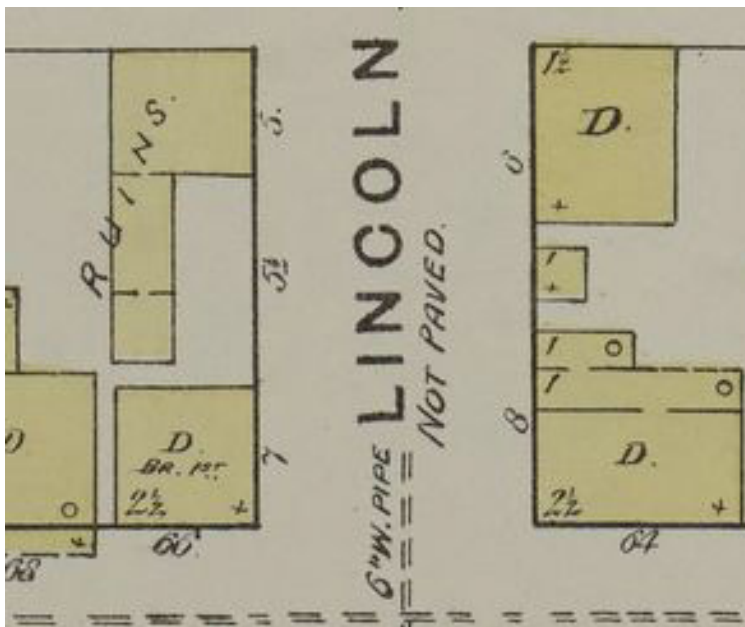
STRUCTURE TIMELINE

During the time the Walls lived in the building, boarders were being taken in and by April of 1885 an ad was placed stating 5 Lincoln was for rent. 5 Lincoln Street was the first address of the building.

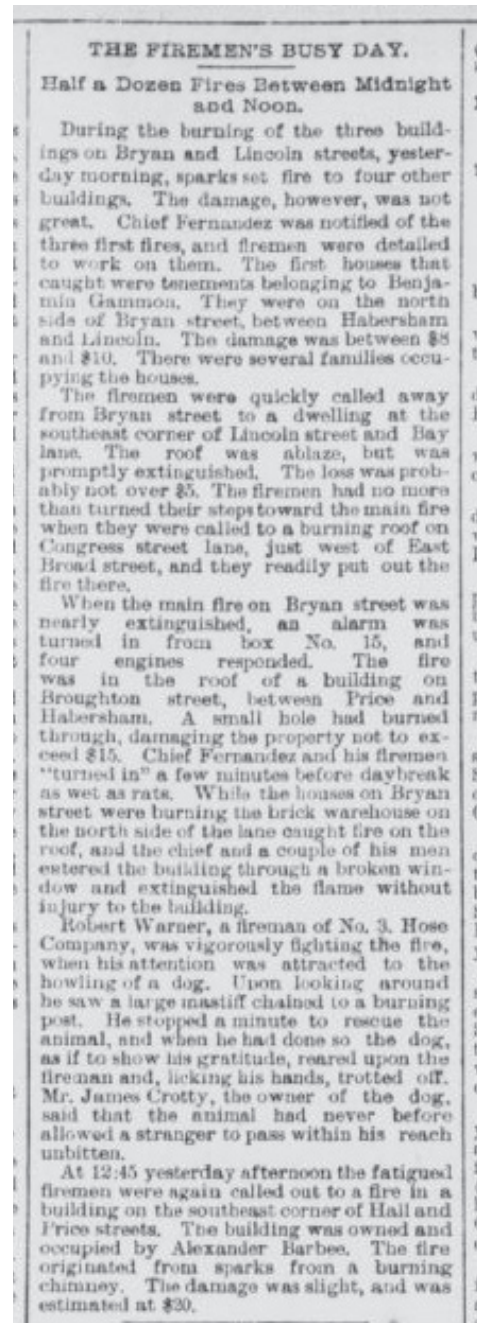


Savannah Morning News, 1885

The 1888 City Directory shows two residents at 5 Lincoln, but it is unknown if the Wall family still owned the property at that time. Later that year, a fire broke out and burned a portion of the building. The 1888 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map labels the building as "Ruins;" while noting two addresses at the location, 5 Lincoln & 5 1/2 Lincoln.



1888 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map



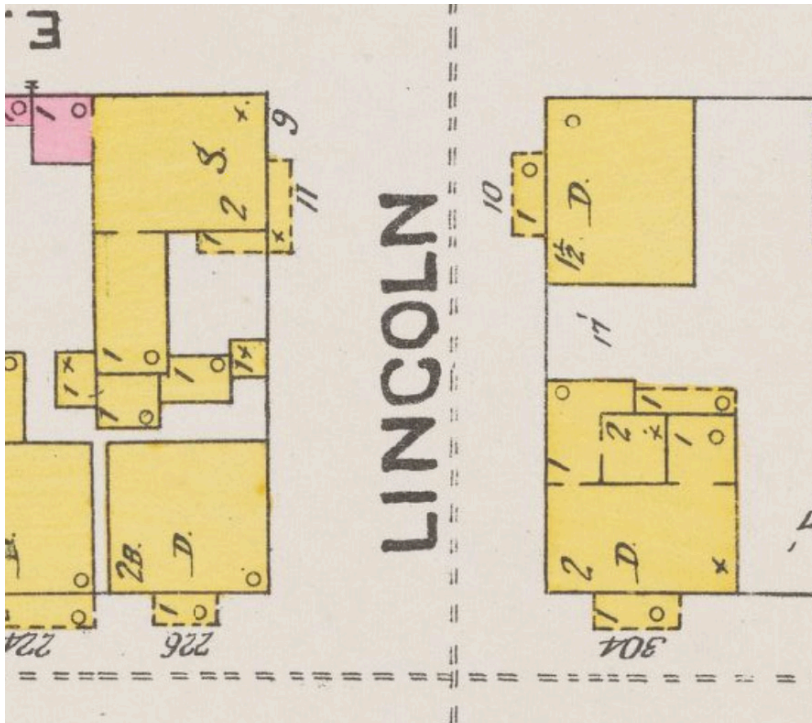
The Morning News, 1888

STRUCTURE TIMELINE

15	6 29 a m	11	N. side Anderson, E. of Drayton	Dwelling	M. Himken	22 00	4,300 00	Incendiary.
15	12 45 p m	Local	S. W. cor. Jefferson and Broughton	Hall and stores	R. Dillon and children	37 00	55,000 00	Incendiary.
19	3 45 p m	25	N. side Thunderbolt Road, W. of Toll Gate	Dwelling	John O. Smith	150 00	2,800 00	Incendiary.
19	6 30 p m	46	E. side Price, S. of Huntingdon	Dwelling	F. Wessell	2 00	500 00	Sparks from chimney.
21	5 23 a m	12	N. side St. Julian, W. of Barnard	Stores	Jos. Ruckert	3 00	7,500 00	Oil stove.
21	7 10 a m	Local	N. side Anderson, E. of W. Broad	Dwelling	H. Libs.	21 00	800 00	Foul chimney.
21	8 30 a m	Telephone	E. side Barnard, N. of S. Broad	Plumbing shop	C. Wakefield	21 00	2,800 00	Lamp explosion.
21	10 00 a m	Local	S. E. cor. Bryan and Houston	Dwelling and shop	M. McAlpin	14 00	2,050 00	Incendiary.
21	8 30 p m	Local	N. side Liberty, W. of Price	Dwelling	N. J. Jones	10 00	2,000 00	Lamp explosion.
25	9 55 a m	Local	S. side Gordon, E. of Tattall	Dwelling	C. Conner	2 00	2,800 00	Foul chimney.
26	2 23 p m	27	N. side Taylor, E. of Price	Dwelling	J. H. Deveaux	25 00	2,100 00	Sparks from chimney.
27	10 05 a m	Local	E. side W. Broad, N. of Hall	Dwelling	R. D. Guerard	8 00	800 00	Defective flue.
28	9 40 a m	52	Wayne and W. Broad	Fire box	City	2 00	200 00	Working on wires.
May								
15	2 00 a m	7	S. side Bay lane, W. of Lincoln	Dwelling and stores	Several	3,700 00	19,000 00	Incendiary.
15	2 30 a m	Local	E. side Lincoln, N. of Bryan	Dwelling	Several	3 00	3,300 00	Sparks from other fire.
15	3 05 a m	Local	N. side Bryan, E. of Lincoln	Dwelling	B. Gamon	9 00	1,000 00	Sparks.
15	3 25 a m	15	N. side Broughton, E. of Price	Dwelling	J. H. Estill	18 00	1,450 00	Sparks.
19	12 25 p m	49	S. E. cor. Price and Hall	Dwelling	Alex. Barbee	14 00	1,600 00	Sparks from chimney.
16	8 30 a m	27	S. side Taylor, W. of E. Broad	Dwelling	P. Russell	380 00	2,100 00	Sparks from chimney.
19	10 45 a m	5	N. side State, W. of Lincoln	Dwelling	W. Chisholm, agt.	310 00	2,800 00	Sparks from chimney.
17	4 51 p m	Local	N. W. cor. Gaston and Whitaker	Dwelling	R. Falligan	4 00	4,300 00	Foul chimney.
19	10 25 a m	Local	N. W. cor. W. Boundary and Indian	Ice factory	Savan h Ice Storage Co.	3 00	15,000 00	Boiling over hot tar.
19	3 45 p m	Local	S. E. cor. Price and Waldburg	Stables	Jas. Waring Estate	2 00	1,700 00	Boys' mischief.
21	2 30 a m	14	N. side Broughton, E. of Jefferson	Dwelling	John Sullivan, agt.	57 00	3,500 00	Carelessness.
21	5 00 a m	45	S. E. cor. Duffy and Jefferson	Dwelling and store	R. J. Nagle	1,500 00	5,000 00	Incendiary.
22	9 16 a m	Local	S. side York, W. of Habersham	Dwelling	T. Morgan	2 00	2,650 00	Stovepipe.
23	2 00 a m	19	N. W. cor. Waldburg and Burroughs	Dwelling and store	J. C. Puder	1,700 00	4,250 00	Incendiary.
27	1 05 p m	27	S. side Charlton lane, E. of Habersham	Dwelling	D. Wells	5 00	4,000 00	Oil, carelessness.

Detailed Statement of Fires and Alarms, Losses and Insurance, 1888

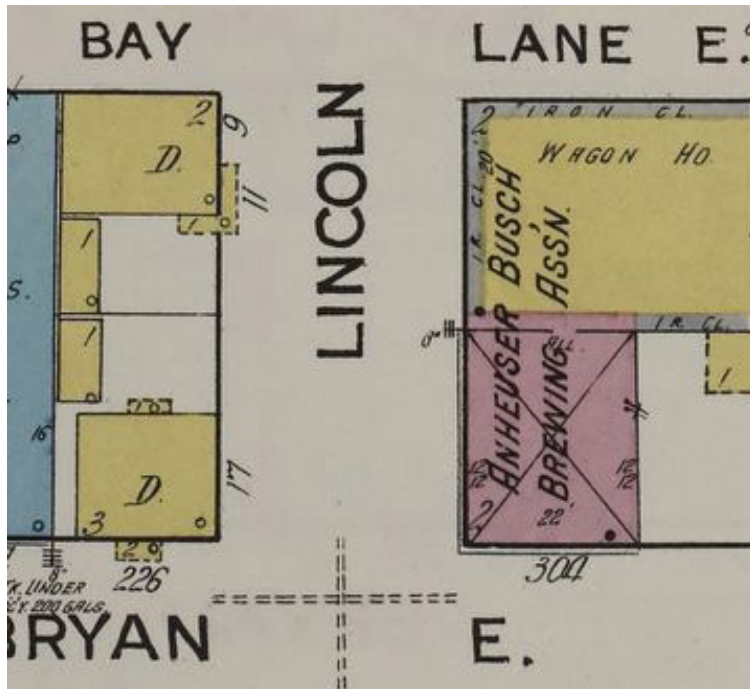
By 1890, the Walsh family had acquired the property and the fire damaged building was repaired and altered. The 1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows the original layout of the structure with multiple additions and a 2nd story balcony. Of the additions, a one-story brick addition had been added to the west corner of the main building with direct access from the interior and a smaller brick addition abutting the larger brick structure on the west facade. The 1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map indicates there was a 12 inch fire wall above the roof. By this time, the addresses had been changed to 9 Lincoln and 11 Lincoln and a store was being operated out of a portion of the building. The main building holding the original building footprint appeared to remain the same except for the changing of roof material over the one-story wing to tin.



1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

STRUCTURE TIMELINE

The 1916 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows the building had still maintained two addresses, 9 Lincoln and 11 Lincoln. By 1916, all additions had been demolished including the brick structures and the property line had been updated decreasing the lot size to the west. The 1916 Sanborn indicates the building was a dwelling by this time with a detached rectangular structure and all roof structures had been replaced with tin.



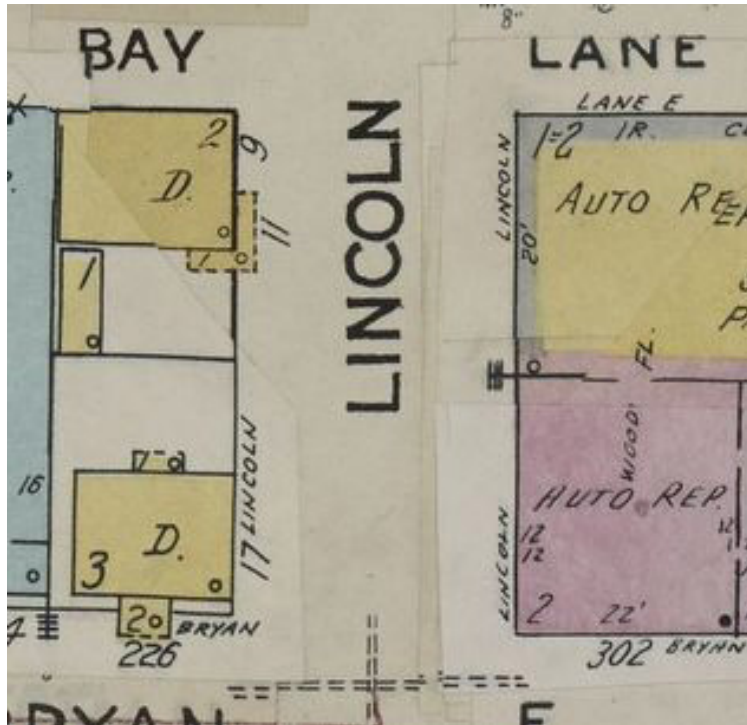
1916 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map



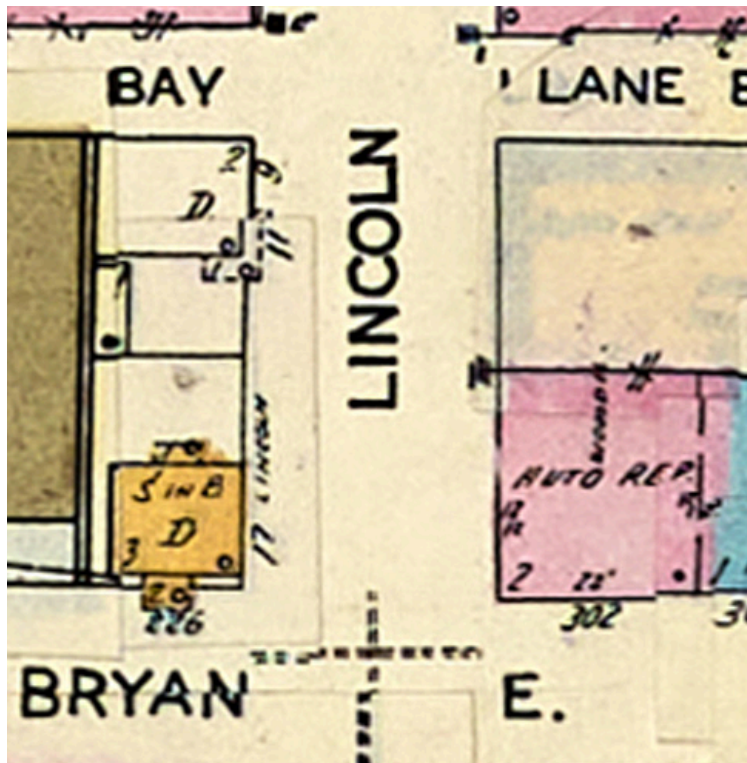
9 Lincoln c. 1939 or 1944

STRUCTURE TIMELINE

The 1955 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows no indication of changes to the structure since the 1916 Sanborn was published. The 1973 paste in over the 1955 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows the roofing material on the addition was replaced with composite.



1955 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map



1973 paste in over 1955 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

STRUCTURE TIMELINE

The building remained a dwelling up until 1995, when the use of the building had become office space. The one-story addition is present in the 2007 Google Street Maps, but it is unknown when the addition was demolished. Eventually, the building became vacant and was boarded.

Smith Family Investors, LLC is the current owner of the property. They have hired Re:Purpose Savannah to sensitively deconstruct the building.

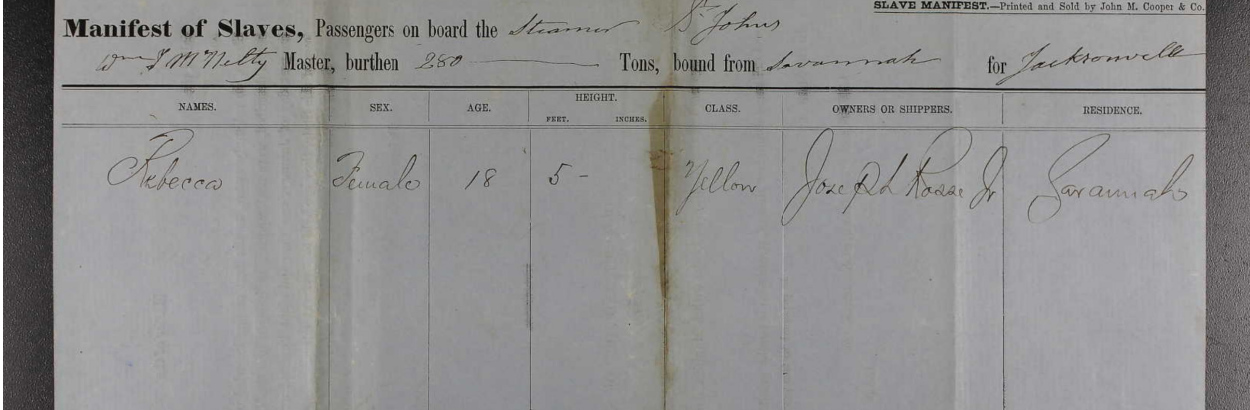


9 Lincoln, MPC Archives, between 1944 and 1995, date unknown



9 Lincoln, 2017

PHOTOS OF INTEREST



1860 Manifest of Slaves, Joseph Ross Jr. sends Rebecca, an enslaved woman, to Jacksonville. It is likely her name was Rebecca Harris (Born 1842)

Name:	Joseph Ross
Home in 1830 (City, County, State):	Savannah Reynolds Ward, Chatham, Georgia
Free White Persons - Males - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Slaves - Males - 10 thru 23:	1
Slaves - Males - 24 thru 35:	1
Slaves - Males - 55 thru 99:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	2
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	1
Total Free White Persons:	3
Total Slaves:	3
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored):	6

1830 Census

HISTORIC SAVANNAH SURVEY

9 LINCOLN STREET

BUILDING DATA SHEET - HISTORIC SAVANNAH INVENTORY

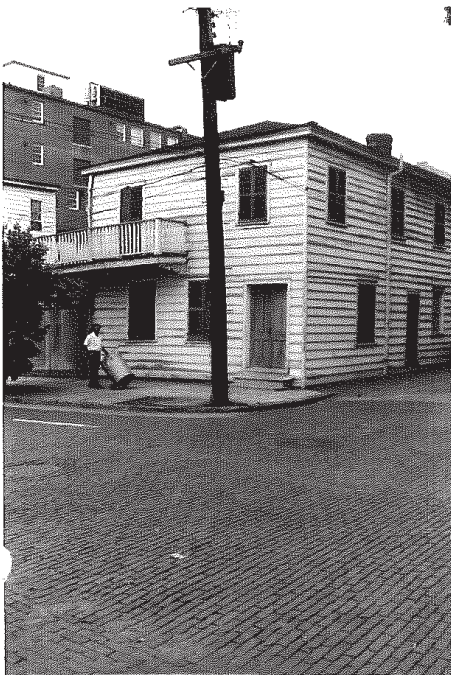
19 Code

Street and Number 9 Lincoln St.	Ward REYNOLDS	Lot Second tything N. part E. 1/2 10
P. 1st Owner Est. Catherine Walsh	Original Owner Joseph Rosse	Architect or Builder
Original Use	Assessed Value Land 1980 Building 2202 Total	Assessors File No. 22

No. of Stories Basement 1 x2 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Present Use Dwelling	Remarks Low hip roof. Wood balcony on cast iron brackets. Wide board siding.
Year Built Early - Ca. 1835 Mid 19 c. Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Material Wood frame	
STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE Early Republic <input type="checkbox"/> Victorian <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Revival <input type="checkbox"/> Not Classified <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		Intrusion on the neighborhood: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER DOCUMENTATION:

new picture



2091 DNV

EVALUATION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- National
- State
- Community

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE
AS AN EXAMPLE OF ITS STYLE

- Exceptional
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

15

IMPORTANCE TO NEIGHBORHOOD

- Great
- Moderate
- Minor

15

DESECRATION OF ORIGINAL DESIGNS

- None or little
- Moderate amount
- Considerable

4 34

PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Good | Fair | Poor |
| Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Relation to green | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

9 40
Total Score

Date _____ Surveyed by _____ Checked by **PJN**

1937 CADASTRAL SURVEY

9 LINCOLN STREET

20

Katherine S. Donahue

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS
CHATHAM COUNTY, GA.

WARD Reynolds

Lot N¹/₂ of E¹/₂ 10 (2ND TRING)

STR# 9 Lincoln St.

	OWNER	ASSESSMENT			
		YEAR	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
1	Est. Catherine Walsh	40	\$	\$	\$ 900
2	<i>Margaret S Collins x Katherine S Donahue</i>				
3	<i>Katherine S Donahue No 6-6-62- 20-8-117-</i>				
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

REMARKS

WARD REYNOLDS SAVANNAH CADASTRAL SURVEY SURVEYED BY F.N. DAVIS
 LOT No. N¹/₂ SEPT 10 HOUSE No. _____ W.P.A. OF GA. DATE 7-23-37
 ADDRESS 9 LINCOLN ST Block 2 CHATHAM COUNTY GA. CHECKED BY _____

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TO PROPERTY OWNERS
 CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





GEORGIA HISTORIC RESOURCES

Historic Preservation Section
 Georgia Department of Natural Resources
 205 Butler Street, Suite 1462
 Atlanta, Georgia 30334
 404/656-2840

Resource No. CH-S-458
 County Chatham

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SURVEY BOOK

For instructions, see the Georgia Historic Resources Survey Manual

1 Name(s) of resource

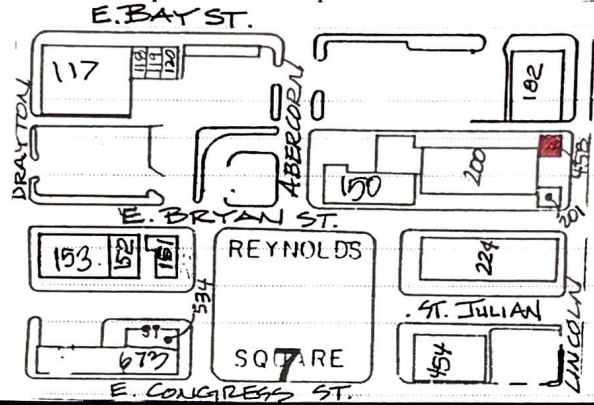
3 Address/location

9 Lincoln St
 Savannah, 31401

4 Owner's name and mailing address

- 5 Building Structure
 Site Object
 Landscape feature
 6 Representative example of building type
 Number represented
 7 Use, current *business/office*
 original *single dwelling*

2 Location map with North at top



8 Date of construction (or estimate)

1835

9 Major changes & date (explain in No.25)

- Altered Moved
 Addition Destroyed

10 Architect/engineer/designer

Unknown

11 Contractor/builder/craftsman

Rosse

12 Style

Greek Revival - elements

13 Building type

side hallway

14 Original Floor Plan

side hallway (passage) - unknown depth

15 Plan shape

rectangular

16 Number of stories

Two

17 Facade symmetry & front door(s)

asymmetrical, one door

18 Roof type & material

hip - composition shingle/asphalt shingle

19 Chimney placement & material

off-center, within roof surface - brick

20 Type of construction

balloon frame/platform frame

21 Exterior material(s)

weatherboard/clapboard/beveled siding

22 Foundation material(s)

brick continuous

23 Porch(es)

-

portico (front, 1 story, full, brick, gable); portico (side, 1 story, full, brick, gable)

24 Windows

double-hung sash (flat-headed, unknown, rectangular)

25 Additional physical description

Windows have 3/2 DH sashes. Front facade faces Lincoln Street to the East. An additional entry to the south faces a courtyard. Additions to the southwest corner of the structure include a 2 room side leg building with two entries on the west facade. The second level front facade has an added iron braced wooden balcony on the left side accessible by a door on the left. Detailing is minimal.

26 Negatives: roll #

frames #



1995 SURVEY

9 LINCOLN STREET

Resource No. *CH-S-458*

27 Description of outbuildings (if any)

28 Site plan with North at top

29 Description of landscape features

30 Number of buildings 1 structures 0
outbuildings 0 sites 0
landscape features 0

31 Description of the environment
urban - residential (mixed old and new)
urban - commercial (mixed old and new)

32 Archaeological potential

33 History

34 Historical theme(s)

THEMES: none

35 Significance

36 Sources of information

Historical Society primary written

Site evaluation other source

Cadastral Survey secondary written

37 Prepared by (person, organization and address)

*Patrick L. Phelps
SCAD Historic Preservation Dept.
PO Box 3146
Savannah, GA 31401-3146*

38 Date of survey 1995 resurvey

39 Government preservation activity

Section 106 review Grant
 Tax certification Other

40 SHPO evaluation

may meet National Register criteria

41 USGS quadrangle name *Savannah*

UTM reference

17 491680 3549020

43 Recognition and date

1966 National Landmark - *district*

National Register

Georgia Register

1973 Local designation - *district*

HABS/HAER

Determination of eligibility

Other



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