

RICHARDSON-SCHERFF-HIGHTOWER HOUSE
Lms. Co. Ath. Site #19 78x5
Clinton St., Athens ITEM 20

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 22-19

1. Name of site or structure Richardson-Gordon House.

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) Albany Prec.
Corner of Clinton + South St.

3. Description Built in 1835 - Addition in 1844 -
was in Richardson family for over 100
years. Parson house. Federalist final plans.
Wishes changed to 2 over 2 in late 19th
Century.

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Only 4 people
have owned the house. Richardson, Scherff,
Hightower and Gordon.



Names:

Richardson-Gordon
House

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Places:

Athens, Limestone
Co., AL

Types:

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photograph

Dates:

1835

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TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Limestone
Field Surveyors' Names: A. Thomas, J. Hendricks
Historical Notes Number: # 23 - Site # 19
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: # 17-18
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Richardson - Scherff - Hightower
2. Location: on corner of Clinton and South Streets,
Athens, Ala.
3. Owner of Property: Gordon's
4. Geographical Data: _____
5. Acreage: _____
6. Classification: Home
7. Integrity: Built in 1835, added to in 1844 - in
Richardson family for over 100 years. Only 4
people have owned it.

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Names:

Gordon,
Richardson,

Richardson-Scherff-
Hightower

Places:

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8. Condition: Excellent

9. Present Use: Home

10. Areas of Significance:

11. Architectural Description: Square columns, arched doorway
with leaded glass pan light - 12 panes in each
upstairs window. 5 windows across -
thick chimney on either side of house - Leaded
glass in double front door -

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: _____

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Names:

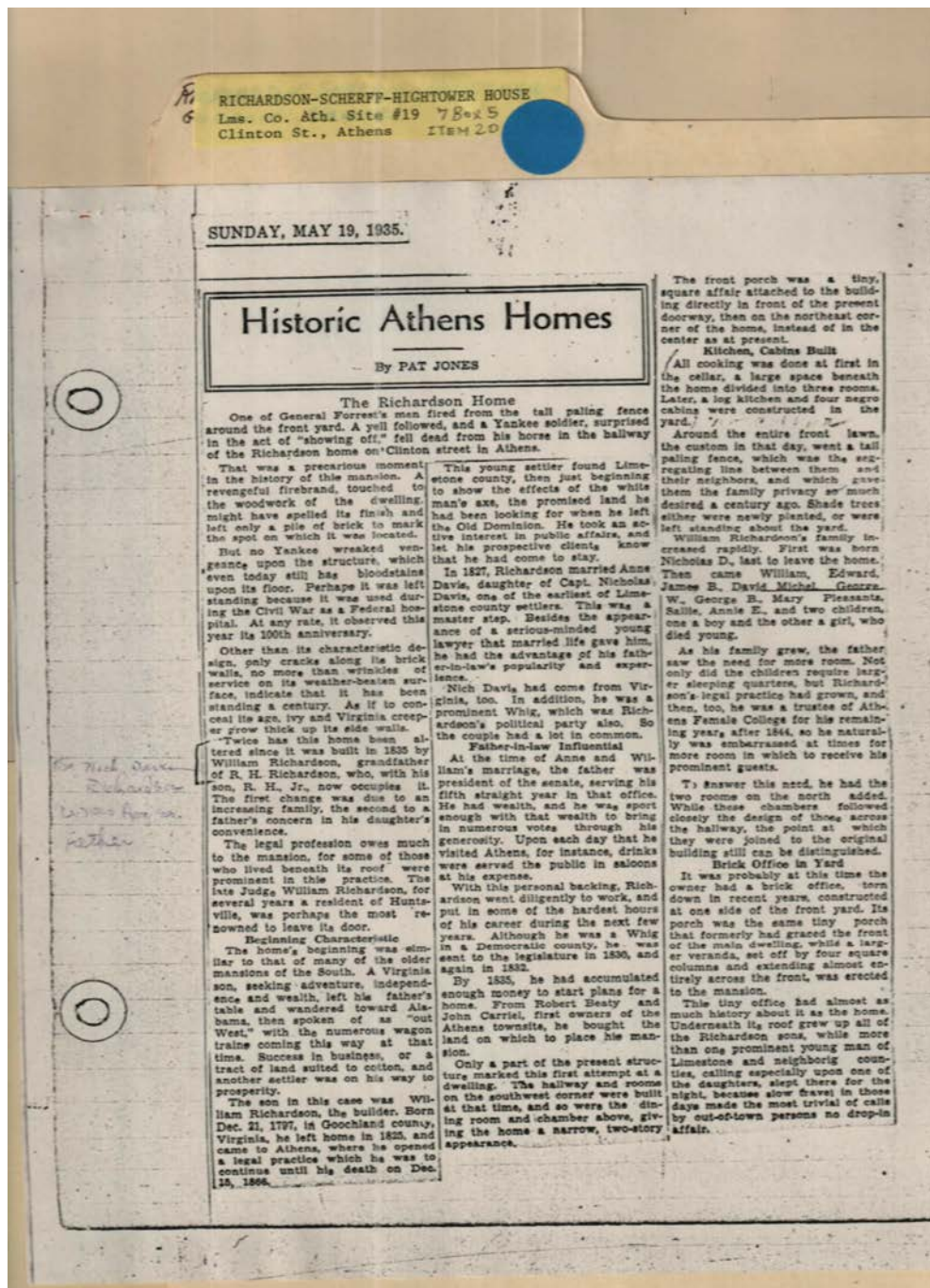
Richardson-Gordon
House

Places:

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Names:

Athens Female
College
Beaty, Robert
Carriel, John
Davis, Anne
Davis, Nicholas
Jones, Pat

Richardson Home
Richardson, Annie E.
Richardson, George
B.
Richardson, George
W.
Richardson, James B.

Richardson, Mary
Pleasants
Richardson, Michel
Richardson, Nicholas
D.
Richardson, R. H.
Richardson, R. H., Jr.

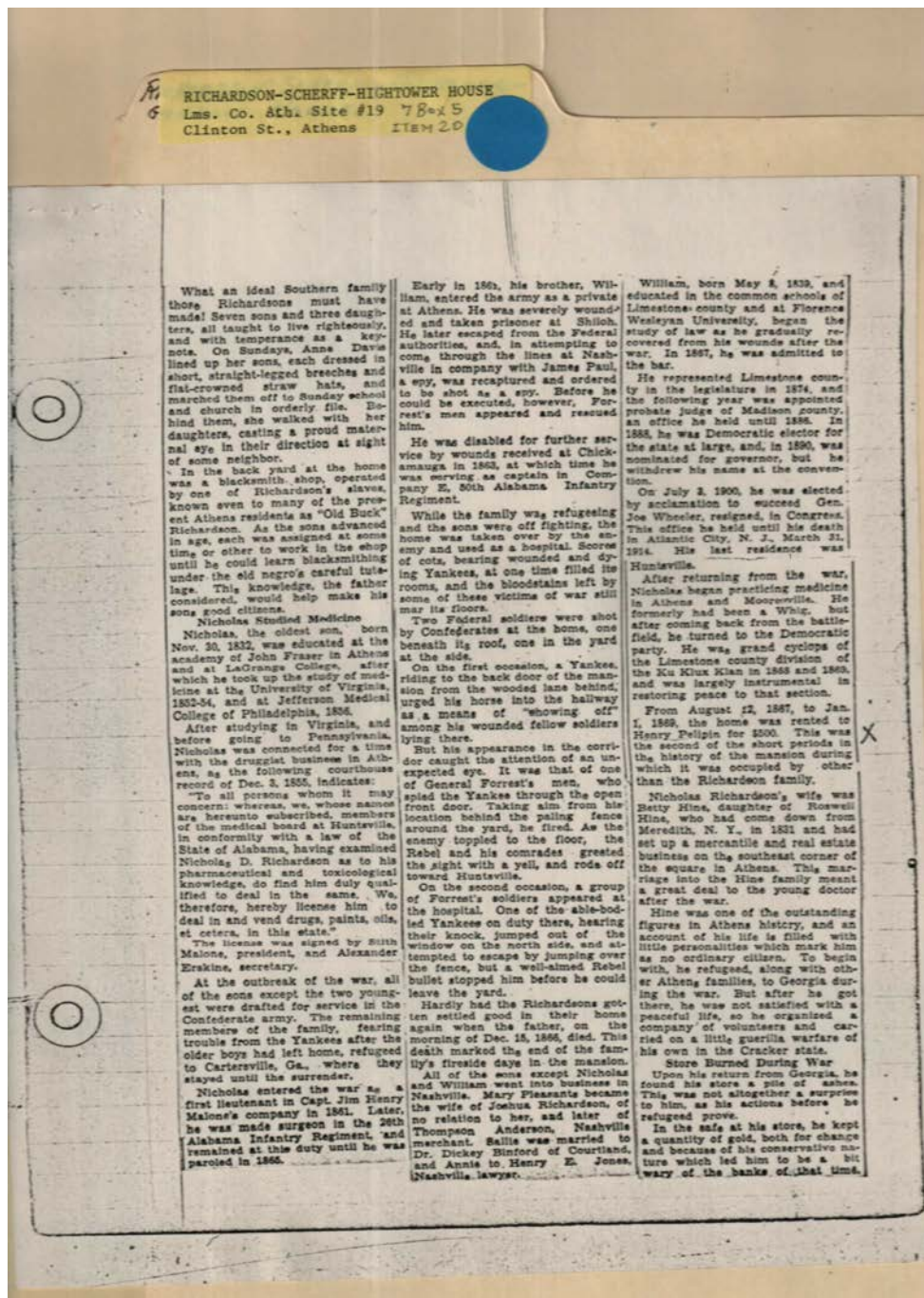
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Richardson, William
Richardson, Edward

Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

May 19, 1935



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Names:

Anderson, Thompson
Binford, Dickie, Dr.
Erskine, Alexander
Forrest, Gen.
Fraser, John
Hine, Betty
Hine, Roswell

Jones, Henry E.
Malone, Jim Henry
Malone, Stith
Paul, James
Pelipin, Henry
Richardson Home

Richardson, Anne
Davis
Richardson, Annie
Richardson, Joshua
Richardson, Mary
Pleasants
Richardson, Nicholas

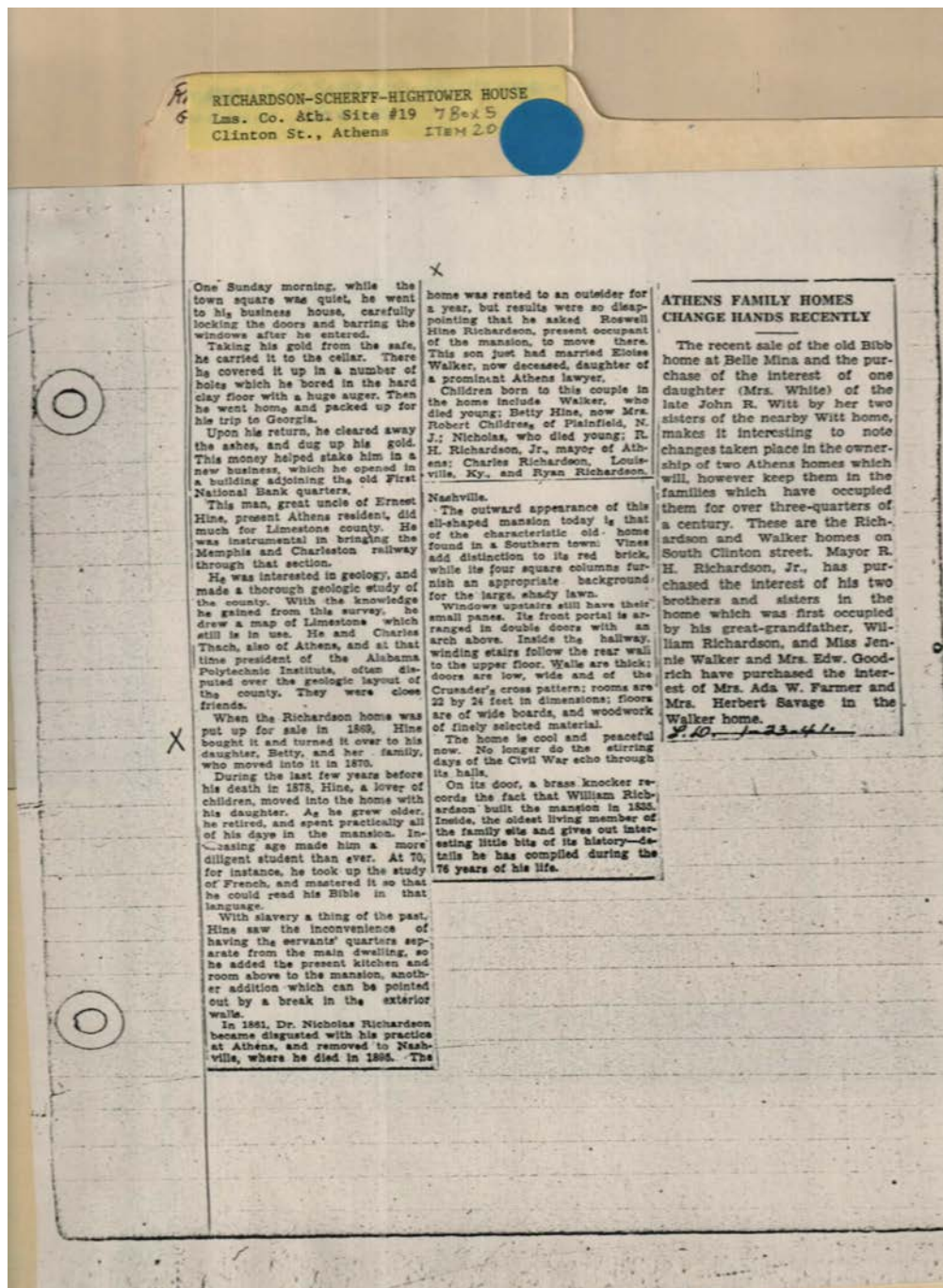
Richardson, Nicholas
D.
Richardson, Sallie
Richardson, William
Wheeler, Joe, Gen.

Types:

newspaper article

Dates:

May 19, 1935



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Names:

Bibb Home
Childress, Robert
Farmer, Ada W., Mrs.
Goodrich, Edward,
Mrs.
Hine, Betty

Hine, Ernest
Richardson Home
Richardson, Charles
Richardson, Nicholas,
Dr.
Richardson, R. H., Jr.

Richardson, R. H., Jr.,
Mayor
Richardson, Roswell
Hine
Richardson, Ryan
Richardson, William

Savage, Herbert, Mrs.
Walker Home
Walker, Eloise
Walker, Jennie, Miss
Witt, John R.

Types:

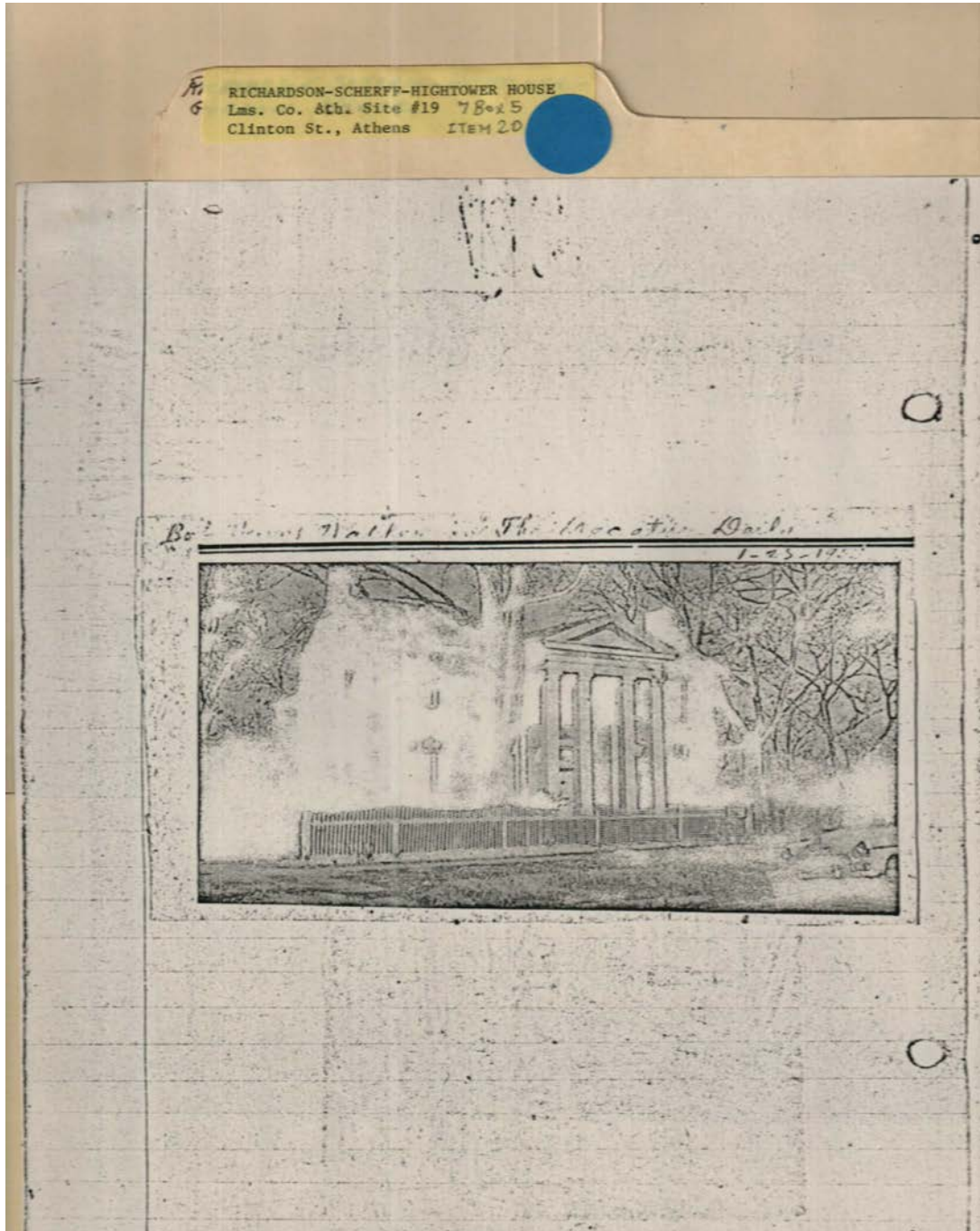
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Dates:

Jan 23, 1941

May 19, 1935

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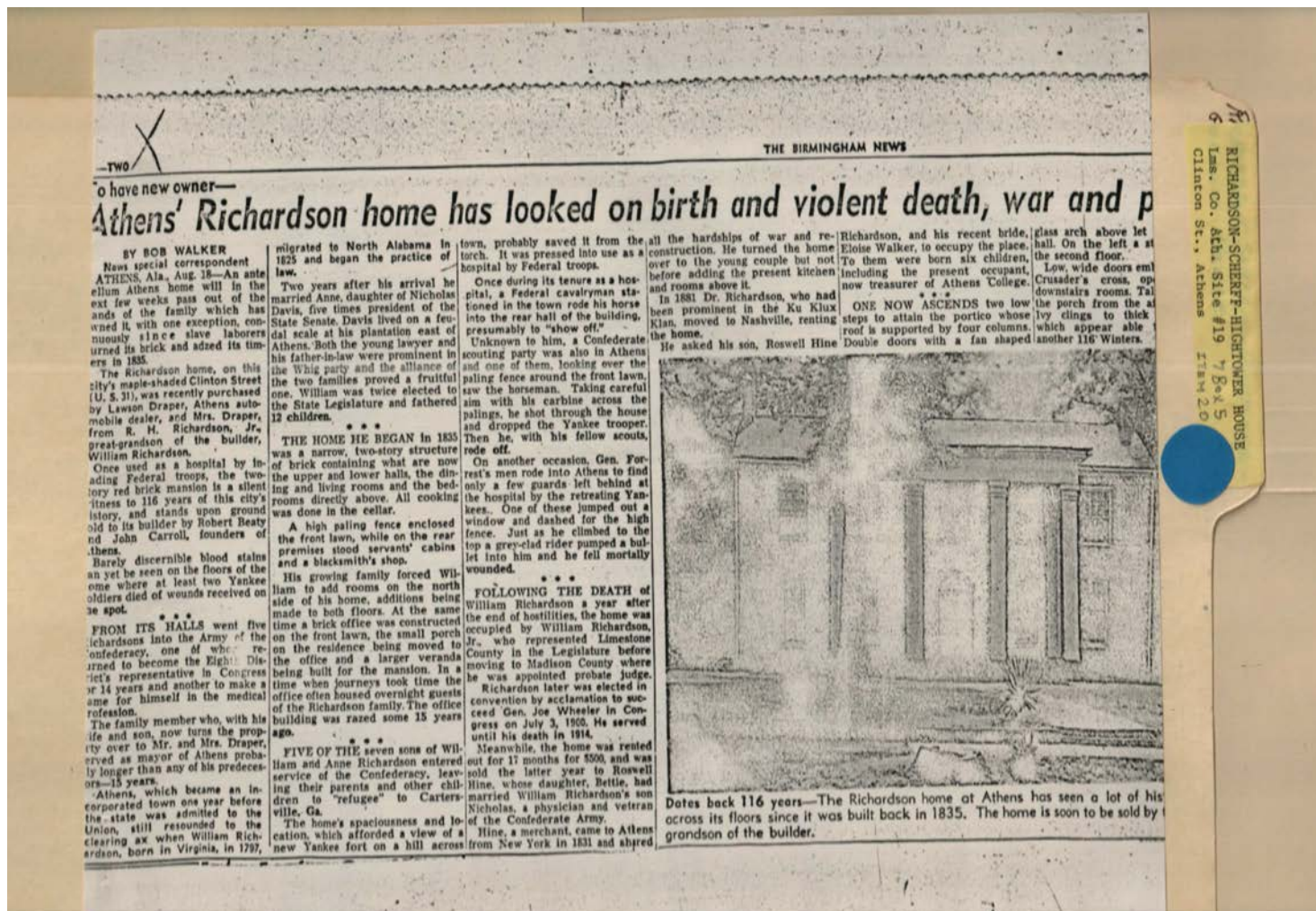


Names:
Walker Home

Places:
Decatur, AL

Types:
newspaper
photograph

Dates:
Jan 23, 1941



Names:

Beaty, Robert
Carriel, John
Davis, Anne

Davis, Nicholas
Draper, Lawson
Richardson Home

Richardson, R. H., Jr.
Richardson, Roswell
Hine

Richardson, William
Walker, Eloise
Wheeler, Joe, Gen.

Places:

Birmingham, AL

Types:

newspaper article

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TARCOG
HISTORICAL NOTES
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Limestone

Coordinator's Name: A. Hemiston

Historical Notes Number: #23 Site #19
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: _____
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Richardson - Scherff - Hightower

2. Location: on corner of Clinton and South Streets
Athens, Ala.

3. Classification: Home

4. Owner of Property: Gordon family

5. Location of Legal Description: _____

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Names:

Gordon,

Richardson-Scherff-
Hightower

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Places:

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Co., AL

Limestone Co., AL

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys: _____

7. Description: Basic house appears clearly Federal
period in all details, except that first floor
shakes were changed out in latter 19th century
to the 2-over-2 type then popular. Porches in
front 2 story columns with tipped roof - too
heavy in scale for the light Federal proportion
behind it. Grown down after latter 19 century.

8. Historical Significance
A. Period: Federal

B. Specific Dates: _____

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Names:

Richardson-Scherff-
Hightower

Places:

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Co., AL

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8. Historical Significance (continued)
C. Areas of Significance:

D. Statement of Significance: Appearance supports current date
y^o built 1835 (late Federal period) & added to in
1844 (Greek Revival period) H. Jones, Arch.
Pop Jones' Historic Athens Home states home
ditched twice since built in 1835. Property
was bought from Robert Beatty & John Carriel on which
to place this house. All coloring was done at
birth in cellar & later a log kitchen & 4
hogg cabins were constructed in the yard.
When Richardson home was put up for sale
in 1869, Roswell Hine bought it and turned
it over to his daughter Betty Richardson (Mrs. Nicholas)
and her family who moved into it in 1870.
Only 4 people have owned it.

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Names:

Beatty, Robert
Carriel, John

Hine, Roswell
Richardson Home

Richardson, Betty,
Mrs.

Places:

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Co., AL

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RICHARDSON-SCHERFF-HIGHTOWER HOUSE
Lms. Co. 8th. Site #19 7Bx5
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9. Specific Bibliographical Reference: _____

10. Verified Geographical Data: _____

Date of Completion: _____

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