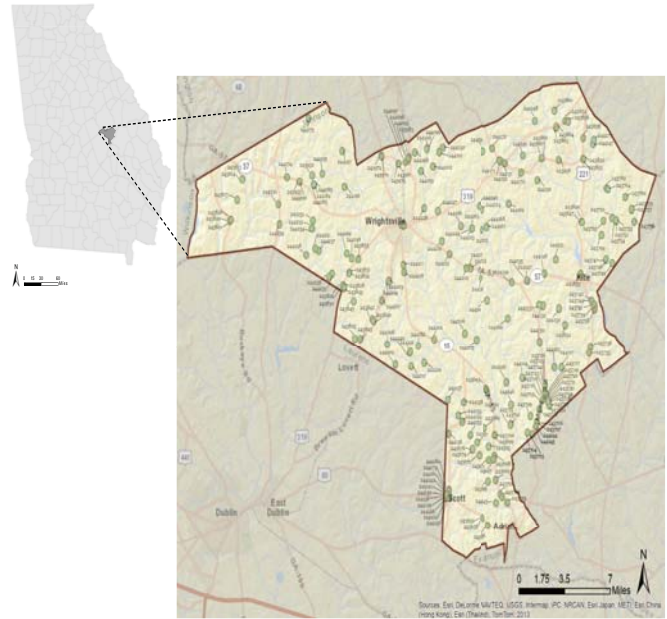




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IDENTIFIED RESOURCES IN JOHNSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Findings

A total of 219 historic resources that meet and maintain a minimum level of age, architectural integrity, and historic significance were identified in unincorporated Johnson County. These resources are primarily single family residential dwellings (40%); the two most represented house types were the Central Hallway Cottage (21.5%) and the Ranch House (10.1%). A number of religious structures and sites remain extant in Johnson County; front gable churches comprise 17.7% of the building stock, and funerary sites or cemeteries were 25% of all documented resources.

The construction date of all resources ranged from the mid-1830s to the mid-1980s. The period with the most extant resources is from 1900-1924 (30.9%), followed by 1930-1939 (8.2%).

Johnson County has a fairly good representation of extant historic resources given its agricultural heritage. The disparate location of these resources, paired with the overall integrity of these structures do not indicate any potential National Historic Landmarks or historic districts. These resources are typical of unincorporated Georgia, with the bulk of residential structures dating to the turn-of-the-twentieth-century, when Johnson County saw a surge in population and agricultural production. These structures are representative examples of southeastern residential architecture

Summary

The Findit! Program housed at the Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP) within the University of Georgia’s College of Environment and Design (CED) conducted a Phase I Historic Resource Survey of Johnson County, Georgia in July 2013. Findit! Is a state-wide cultural resource survey program sponsored by the Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division (GA SHPO). The project area covered the 305 square miles in the unincorporated portions of the county. Johnson County is located in middle south Georgia, and is bordered by Washington and Jefferson counties to the north, Emanuel and Treutlen counties to the south and east, and Laurens and Wilkinson counties to the south and west.

The resource survey was performed by historic graduate students in the Historic Preservation program (MHP) and the Masters of Landscape Architecture program (MLA) at the CED. The survey consisted of historical and developmental research of the project area, windshield and pedestrian field work, and data collection and analysis.

The information collected by the field survey was entered into Georgia’s Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources Geographical Information System, (GNARHGIS), a web-based geographical information system designed to store and display information about Georgia’s cultural resources. GNARHGIS is the repository for all of the current statewide historic resources survey data. The survey information was entered under survey ID 2221, “Findit Johnson County,” and can be accessed at: <https://www.gnahrgis.org/gnahrgis/index.do>.



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