



GEORGIA HISTORIC RESOURCES

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Resource No. *DO-346*
County *Douglas*

For instructions, see the Georgia Historic Resources Survey Manual

1 Name(s) of resource

Abraham Owl Cabin

3 Address/location

5510 Highway 5 (on Pray-Phillips House property)

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 *Vacant/Not in Use*

original *single dwelling*

8 Date of construction (or estimate)

1800s

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

☐ Altered

☒ Moved

☐ Addition

☐ Destroyed

10 Architect/engineer/designer

Unknown

11 Contractor/builder/craftsman

Unknown

12 Style

No Academic Style

13 Building type

single pen - rectangular

14 Original Floor Plan

one room - rectangular - one room deep

15 Plan shape

rectangular

25 Additional physical description

Single pen, hewn timber cabin with massive, slightly off-center stone chimney in roof ridge. Pegged corner posts and sills.

Moved - Ca. 1829 - Moved from original location near a spring to its present location.

2 Location map with North at top

16 Number of stories

One

17 Facade symmetry & front door(s)

asymmetrical, one door

18 Roof type & material

side-oriented gable - metal - standing seam

19 Chimney placement & material

off-center, ridgeline - cobblestone/rustic

20 Type of construction

post-and-beam (wood)

21 Exterior material(s)

hewn log

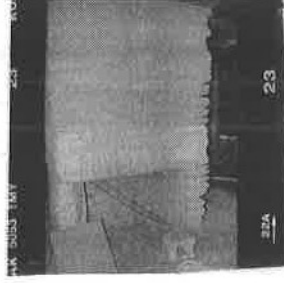
22 Foundation material(s)

stone pier

23 Porch(es)

24 Windows

26 Negatives: roll # *Q* frames # *22, 23, 24, 25*



27 Description of outbuildings (if any)

28 Site plan with North at top

29 Description of landscape features

yard setting - casual/unplanned; forest/woods - natural

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

31 Description of the environment

rural - agricultural (old resources)

rural - forested/wooded (old resources)

32 Archaeological potential

depressions (wells, cellars, privies, gardens) (reported)

33 History

The cabin of Abraham Owl, a Cherokee Indian, is said to have been constructed as early as the 1790s (more likely early 1800s). Owl's cabin was situated on 202 1/2 acres of land acquired by Ephriam Pray following the 1828 Land Lottery. According to local accounts, Pray allowed Owl to stay on the land. Pray, Owl, and Pray's slaves moved the cabin to its present site following his arrival in 1829. Owl and Pray lived together until Owl's death in 1834. Owl is buried in an Indian cemetery on Nic-a-Jack Hill, which is now part of Sweetwater State Park. Owl died 4 years before the forced removal of the Cherokee from Georgia (Trail of Tears).

*34 Historical theme(s)

THEMES: architecture; Indian history; exploration/settlement GA
HISTORY: extended frontier period and area; Cherokee nation in NW GA &

35 Significance

rare architectural type (outstanding qualities)

history - person (local variant)

history - event (local variant)

Significant as rare surviving late 18th/early 19th century hewn timber cabin; significant as the residence of a Abraham Owl; significant for its association with Ephriam Pray, and early settler and pioneer.

36 Sources of information

Joe Phillips owner 1,8,33

Douglas Co Ga FM Davis local historian 1,8,33

37 Prepared by (person, organization and address)

Quatrefoil Consulting
Douglas Co. Board of Commissioners
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30143

38 Date of survey 1998 - 1999 resurvey

39 Government preservation activity

☐ Section 106 review ☐ Grant

☐ Tax certification ☐ Other

40 SHPO evaluation

appears to meet Nat. Reg. criteria

41 USGS quadrangle name Winston

UTM reference

1 7 7 0 2 3 6 0 3 7 2 6 1 2 1

zone easting northing

42 Tax map number

43 Recognition and date

☐ National Landmark

☐ National Register

☐ Georgia Register

☐ Local designation

☐ HABS/HAER

☐ Determination of eligibility

☐ Other