

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

1. Name: Kidd-Robertson House.

2. Location: 2423 Greenville Road (State Route 109), LaGrange vicinity, Troup County, Georgia.
USGS Quadrangle: Mountville, GA.

3a. Description: Located in a rural area due east of LaGrange, the county seat of Troup County, the Kidd-Robertson House is a one-and-a-half-story, frame, Georgian cottage that was constructed c.1843 in the Greek Revival style. The house has a side-gable roof, a brick pier foundation with concrete block infill, and weatherboard siding. The Greek Revival-style character-defining features of the house are the one-story pedimented portico with an entablature supported by brick Doric columns, a wide cornice, symmetrical front façade, flushboard siding on the central bay, and wood entrance doors with a transom and sidelights. The six-over-six windows on the front façade are flanked by six-pane sidelights. The interior of the house retains the original wood floors, ceilings, doors, door and window surrounds, decorative moldings, and mantles. There is a dogleg staircase in the central hall that leads to the half-story bedrooms. Changes to the house are a sunroom addition to the east (side) façade c.1940 and two nonhistoric alterations to the rear facade after 1968; the rear porch was enclosed and a one-story ell was added. The exterior chimneys were rebuilt in 2003. There are two noncontributing outbuildings on the property: a barn that was recently reconstructed from old materials and a former washhouse that was altered. The property is informally landscaped with mature trees and shrubs and is located in a rural setting.

3b. Period of Significance: c.1843.

3c. Acreage: 3.33 acres.

3d. Boundary Explanation: The boundary is the current legal boundary and the remaining acreage historically associated with the house.

4a. National Register Criteria: Criterion C.

4b. National Register Areas of Significance: Architecture.

4c. Statement of Significance: The Kidd-Robertson House was constructed c.1843 by George Kidd (1796-1871), who was a prosperous farmer and large landowner in Troup County. In the 1840 U.S. Census, George Kidd, his wife Elizabeth Todd Kidd, their eight children, and Elizabeth's brother John Todd and 20 slaves are living on the property. By 1860, George Kidd owned 1,700 acres of land and 42 slaves, and along with his farmland, owned the Kidd Cotton Gin Factory and a grocery and mercantile business. After the death of George Kidd in 1871, his daughter America Kidd Robertson inherited the house. The house was sold out of the family in 1911.

The Kidd-Robertson House is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a c.1843 Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage. According to *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Setting*, the Greek Revival style was the first statewide architectural style in Georgia and was used from the 1840s to the 1860s. The Kidd-Robertson House retains its character-defining Greek Revival-style features including Doric brick columns supporting a pedimented portico, symmetrical façade, and classical door surround. The Georgian cottage is the most popular and long-lived house type in Georgia and the floor plan is characterized by a central hallway with two rooms on either side.

4d. Suggested Level of Significance: The house is being nominated at the local level of significance as good example of a Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage in Troup County.

5. Sponsor: The nomination is supported by the property owner. The nomination materials were prepared by a consultant as part of a Section 106 mitigation requirement.