

1835, Crane purchased Lot 19 and built a two-story frame residence with Federal details. The house faced present-day Pope Street and probably had a small portico. Architectural historian Patricia Irvin Cooper described the house as “square, hip roofed, with central hall and four rooms to each floor, Federal in overall character but with Greek Revival doorways and other detail” (1975 National Register Nomination, Dearing Street Historical District, 2). Crane sold the place within a few years, and in 1843 it was purchased by Young L. G. Harris, who lived there until his death 50 years later. It has been altered, primarily by the addition of a long front gallery with arches and brackets, and it was moved in about 1904 to face Dearing Street, rather than Pope Street. When Ross Crane died in 1866, the *Southern Watchman* commented that “no man that has ever lived amongst us enjoyed to a greater extent the confidence and esteem of those who knew him well” (quoted in Charlotte Thomas Marshall, *Oconee Hill Cemetery of Athens, Georgia*, Volume I, 181). Augustus Longstreet Hull said of Young Harris, one of the richest men in Athens and a great philanthropist, “It is problematical whether he would have had as many friends if he had not had so much money” (*Annals*, 394).

For the first decades, the development of the next hillside west was slow. The University did little to market the lots. Faculty, like Ward and Lehman, might like the idea of living on the next hill, or the Bancrofts might enjoy having a little farm in sight of the academic village, and Young Harris was always drawn to a bargain, but few others were attracted. The next historically important sale of land on the hillside was to William A. Carr, who already owned the 700-acre Carr’s Hill tract east of the river. On October 20, 1845, Alonzo Church, president of the university, sold to Carr the large lots 73 and 78 in the Thomas Survey (W:273 and X:235).



The Young Harris House, 220 Dearing Street.

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