

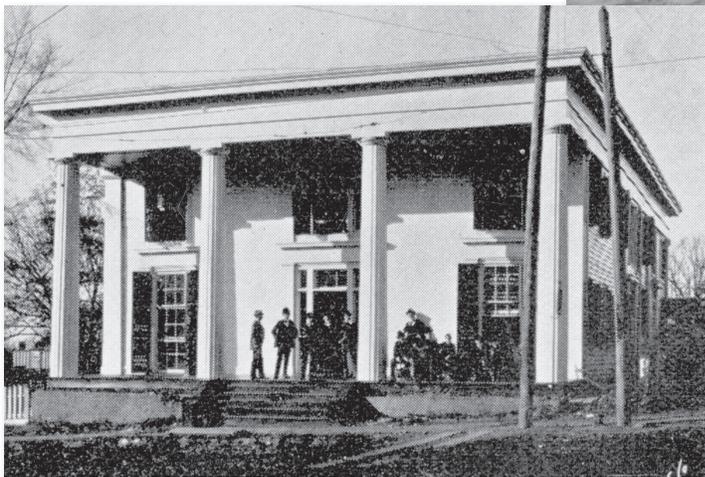
it was going. “I could kick you!” Bobbie declared. “What? Didn’t people from the Heritage Foundation come to help you?” Bobbie regained her composure and said, “Well, yes....but there are some things you really have to do yourself! No one will do those kinds of things for you! I am worn out!” I tried to console her. “Well, my goodness, Bobbie, look at it this way: Sapelo *died*.” (It was true. Between my asking and the house tour, the 91-year-old University of Georgia and Paris Sorbonne-trained Dr. Sapelo Treanor did pass away.) Bobbie looked at me and finished the conversation: “And took the easy way out!” she declared. Today this house is the residence of my children’s favorite Latin teacher, Ellen Harris, and her husband, Robert, who is retired from the University’s Classics Department. It is still such a picturesque home.

7) ***Corner of Hancock and Lumpkin*** The second sister of John Addison Cobb of interest here is Mary Willis Cobb Flournoy. The structure with a Greek Revival façade in the accompanying photographs stood on Hancock Street, across Lumpkin from today’s post office, facing the Methodist church to the south. Athens’ original downtown lots were generally one full acre. This means that this lot would have occupied all the land between Hancock and Dougherty half way to Hull Street down Hancock. The construction date is not known. It is known that Mrs. Robert Flournoy, nee Mary Willis Cobb, died in a house on this lot in 1831. Later in 1838, perhaps in the same structure, Thomas Hancock was operating a popular tavern. The Isaac Smith Vincent family lived in this house in the 1860s. Vincent was the first Athens soldier to die in the War Between the States.

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The Robert Flournoy House.

Top right view is from Lumpkin Street looking north. It shows a rare view of the columned house on the northwest corner of Hancock, across Lumpkin Street from today’s downtown post office.