

**ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTATION OF
THE JOHN C. MOORE HOUSE
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Introduction

The John C. Moore house is located on the west side of Corner Road, just north of the intersection of Wright and Corner Roads (Figures 1 and 2). The house, a circa 1928 front-gable bungalow, is situated in the northwest corner of Land Lot 362, 19th District, First Section of the original Cherokee County survey, present west Cobb County, Georgia (Figure 1). The boundary with Land Lot 363 is roughly the fence line behind the house, and the property's associated outbuildings lie across the line on Land Lot 363. The property was historically part of the R. B. Sorrells farm (during the middle 19th century) and then part of a roughly 240 acre farm accumulated and owned by Awtrey C. Moore, Sr. during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. John Clyde Moore, Awtrey Moore's oldest son, built the present structure in anticipation of his marriage, which occurred on December 24, 1928 (Personal Communication February 9, 2006).

The John C. Moore house was recorded by the Western Cobb County Historic Resources Survey (Jordan 1998) as Structure CO-WC-41. In that survey, the house was described as a bungalow in excellent condition, and it was recommended eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (see Appendix A for structure form). The setting of the Moore house was rural/agricultural, but the surrounding area is rapidly becoming suburban/residential. Aerial photographs of the area (Appendix B) show the gradual change of the project vicinity from extensive agricultural usage in 1942 to suburban/residential usage by 2005. The property on which the John C. Moore house lies is slated for development. Implementation of this planned development will result in the relocation or destruction of the John C. Moore house. The Cobb County Community Development Agency determined that the historic and architectural context of the structure should be documented prior to development. The resulting photographic and archival documentation of the John C. Moore house is presented in this report.

Property Description

The John C. Moore house is a balloon framed, front gable, bungalow. Historic alterations appear to have been made to the front (porch) and to the rear (kitchen and additional rooms) of the structure. The bungalow was a popular house type in Georgia between 1900 and 1930. The type is characterized by a long and low body, that often includes integral porches, under a low-pitched, often irregular, roof with wide overhangs (Georgia Department of Natural Resources [GDNR] 1991). The John C. Moore house also carries Craftsman style elements (nationally popular between 1905 and 1930) including exposed and decoratively finished

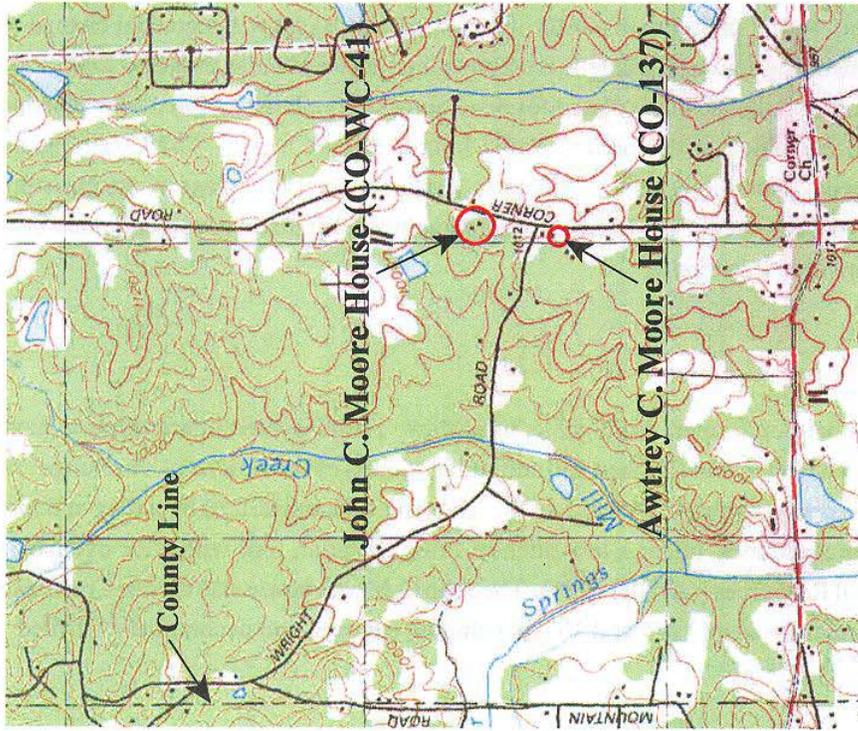


Figure 1 Location of the John C. Moore House with Approximate Land Lot Boundaries



Figure 2 Site of John C. Moore House ca. 1866 (Davis et al. 1984:59, No. 3)

rafter tails (Photos 14 and 16), decorative knee-braces in the gabled ends (Photos 14 and 16), and square-column porch supports (Photos 16 and 19) (McAlester & McAlester 1984).

The Moore House, gables included, is sided with beveled, wooden siding, and the roof is covered with a standing seam metal sheets. There are two interior chimneys, one large rectangular off center in front and one small square one in the rear kitchen addition. The original windows of the main body are distinctively Craftsman in their design (McAlester & McAlester 1984). The upper section of the windows are made up of three vertical panes over a single lower pane. This design is reflected in the two main entrance doors (east front and south side-Photo 17), a rectangular window in the east front gable (Photo 20), and a small square window on the south side (Photo 18).

There are some indications that the rooms on the west rear of the John C. Moore house were later additions. Window types differ between these rooms, which host square 9/6 panes (Photo 22), and the main body of the house. Additionally, the exposed rafter tails are decoratively finished in the main body of the house, but are left plain in the west rear rooms (Photo 23). Knee braces were added to the gable end of the larger addition, reflecting original construction, but they were not added to the smaller gable end at the extreme west rear (Photo 13). This smaller room may have been the latest addition, but was likely constructed prior to 1950 (Personal Communication February 9, 2006).

Background History

Prior to its settlement by Europeans, the area of northwest Georgia north of the Chattahoochee River was home to the Cherokee Indians. Prior to the 19th century, the area and its vast floral and faunal resources was shared by the Cherokees and the Creeks. The Cherokees were forced into this area as their native range was restricted by the expansion of the American colonies. The Cherokees and the Creeks fought the Battle of Taliwa in 1755, and after that time North Georgia was exclusively occupied by the Cherokees.

In 1831, before the removal of the Cherokees, the area of northwest Georgia north of the Chattahoochee River was designated by Georgia as Cherokee County. The vast area was surveyed and sectioned into lots, some lots were 160 acres and others were 40 acres. The 40 acre lots were a response to the discovery of gold in the Cherokees territory. Cobb County was created in 1832 and contained original survey districts 16, 17, 19, and 20. Drawings were held in 1832 for the 160 acre and 40 acre "Gold" Lots. The John C. Moore house is located in the northwest corner of Land Lot 362, 19th District, Second Section, Original Cherokee (now Cobb) County. The associated property historically extended west and south, into Land Lots 362, 363, 364, 378, 379, and the south half of 303 (Figure 2), and included roughly 220 acres.

A map of the Atlanta Campaign produced shortly following the Civil War, and published in the *Official Military Atlas of the Civil War* (Davis *et al.* 1983, Plate 59, Number 3), shows no structure where the John C. Moore house now stands. However, homes labeled "Sorrell" and "Hardy"(names which appear

prominently in chain of title and census research) are shown to be immediately north and south of the project area, respectively (Figure 2). On January 21, 1854, R. B. Sorrells purchased Land Lots 362 and 379 from John Turk for \$450 (Cobb County Deed Book [CCDB] 57:103). The Sorrell house indicated on the Civil War map could be located on this piece of property.

The 1870 Census listed Awtrey C. Moore, in the California District of Paulding County, Georgia, as the one year old son of Jacob and Sarah Moore (U. S. Census 1870). On December 9, 1899, A. C. Moore of Cobb County purchased Land Lots 363, 364, and 378 (120 acres) from Ms. J. N. Hardy of Paulding County for \$550 (CCDB 4:666). According to Mr. John C. Moore of Oak Grove, Alabama, his grandfather, Awtrey C. Moore, built his home (CO-137) on Land Lot 362, southwest of the intersection of Corner and Wright Roads (Personal Communication February 9, 2006). The 1900 U. S. Census listed Awtrey C. Moore as a 31 year old farmer. He was a resident of Cobb County, and had been married to Olivia for one year; they had one child who did not survive (U. S. Census 1900).

On December 1, 1908, all of Land Lot 362 was “knocked off to A. C. Moore of Cobb County for \$900” (CCDB EE:265). Moore was the highest bidder for the former property of R. B. Sorrells, deceased, at an auction conducted by J. F. and R. A. Sorrells, the administrators of the Sorrells’ estate. The 1910 U. S. Census listed Awtrey C. Moore (40) in the Lost Mountain District of Cobb County. He was married to his second wife, Annie (35), who was listed with one living child. The Moore household included children Clyde (9), Awtrey (8), Raymond (6), Olivia (4), and Leone (1 year and three months) (U. S. Census 1910).

On January 2, 1913, A. C. Moore purchased an additional 40 acres (Land Lot 379) from D. M. Sorrells for \$1,200 (CCDB 55:138). The 1920 census listed Awtrey C. Moore (50) in the Mackland District of Cobb County with his children Clyde (18), Awtrey C. (17), Olivia (13), Leon (10), Jacob (8), and Lula (6). Awtrey’s widowed sister, Ellen Yates (64), lived in the household, but his wife and son Raymond were not listed (U. S. Census 1920). On December 31, 1923, Awtrey C. Moore sold all of Land Lots 362, 363, 364, 378, and 379, and the south half of Land Lot 303 (220 acres) to his sons, A[wtrey] C. and J[ohn]. C. Moore for \$4,000 (CCDB 79:87), and on December 27, 1928 they sold property of the same description back to him for the same amount (CCDB 95:481).

Mr. John C. Moore of Oak Grove, Alabama stated that his father, John Clyde Moore, married Amy Mettie Crowe on December 24, 1928, and that the house (CO-WC-41) was newly constructed in anticipation of their union, possibly in the Summer and Fall of 1928 (Personal Communication February 9, 2006). The 1930 census listed John C. Moore (29) and his wife, Metie (20) as the immediate neighbor of the Awtrey C. Moore household. John C. Moore was listed as a “renter”, and the record reflects that the couple was married for less than one year (U. S. Census 1930). On May 14, 1930, A. C. Moore (an “owner” in the 1930 census) sold a combined 41 acres in Land Lot 362 and the northeast corner of Land Lot 363 (the site of the John C. Moore house) to J. C. Moore for \$1,000 (CCDB 101:449). Mr. John C. Moore indicated that his brother, Awtrey

J. Moore, who lives across Corner Road from CO-WC-41, was born in 1940, and that he, John C. Moore, Jr., was born in 1941. The property on which CO-WC-41 (the John C. Moore house) is situated remained in the possession of John C. Moore, Jr. until he sold it to Mr. Chuck Clancy on September 9, 2005 (Personal Communication February 9, 2006).

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APPENDIX A

Georgia Historic Resources Structure Form



GEORGIA HISTORIC RESOURCES

Historic Preservation Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
57 Forsyth Street, Suite 500
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404/656-2840

Resource No. *CO-WC-41*
County *Cobb*

For instructions, see the *Georgia Historic Resources Survey Manual*

1 Name(s) of resource

3 Address/location

Corner Road

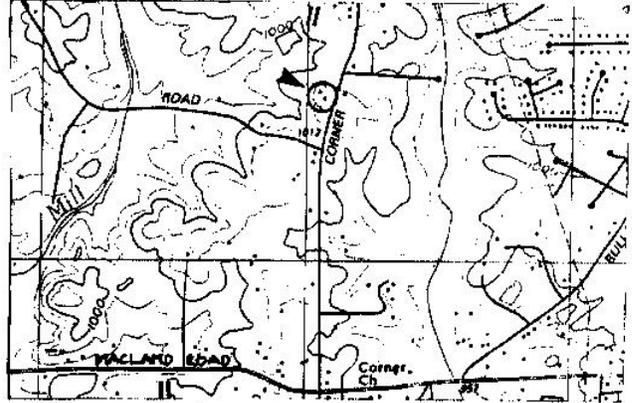
4 Owner's name and mailing address

5 Building Structure
 Site Object

Landscape feature
6 Representative example of building type
Number represented

7 Use, current *single dwelling*
original *single dwelling*

2 Location map with North at top



8 Date of construction (or estimate)

CA. 1920

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

bungalow - front gable

14 Original Floor Plan

three or more rooms - unknown depth

15 Plan shape

rectangular

16 Number of stories

One

17 Facade symmetry & front door(s)

one door

18 Roof type & material

front-oriented gable - V crimp metal

19 Chimney placement & material

lateral interior - brick

20 Type of construction

balloon frame/platform frame

21 Exterior material(s)

weatherboard/clapboard/beveled siding

22 Foundation material(s)

unknown

23 Porch(es)

verandah (front, 1 story, full, wood, gable); wrap-around (side, 1 story, partial, wood, gable)

24 Windows

double-hung sash (segmental-headed, 6/6, other)

25 Additional physical description

Very good stylistic integrity.

Probably original roof.

Brick porch supports with tapered posts.

Knee braces.

Room added to rear.

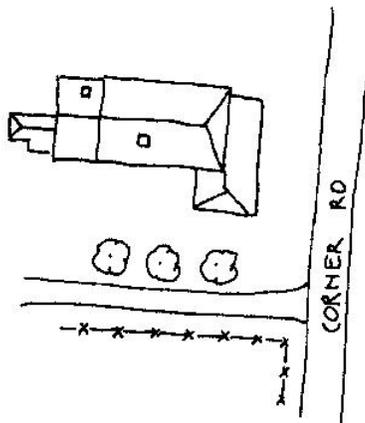
Additon - Room added to rear.

26 Negatives: roll # *6* frames # *31-33*



27 Description of outbuildings (if any)

28 Site plan with North at top



29 Description of landscape features

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

31 Description of the environment

32 Archaeological potential

33 History

34 Historical theme(s)

THEMES: architecture

35 Significance

36 Sources of information

37 Prepared by (person, organization and address)

Bill Jordan, Brockington Assoc
 Cobb County Historic Presrv. Comm.
 100 Cherokee Street
 Marietta, GA

38 Date of survey 1997 resurvey

39 Government preservation activity

- Section 106 review
- Tax certification
- Grant
- Other

40 SHPO evaluation

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UTM reference

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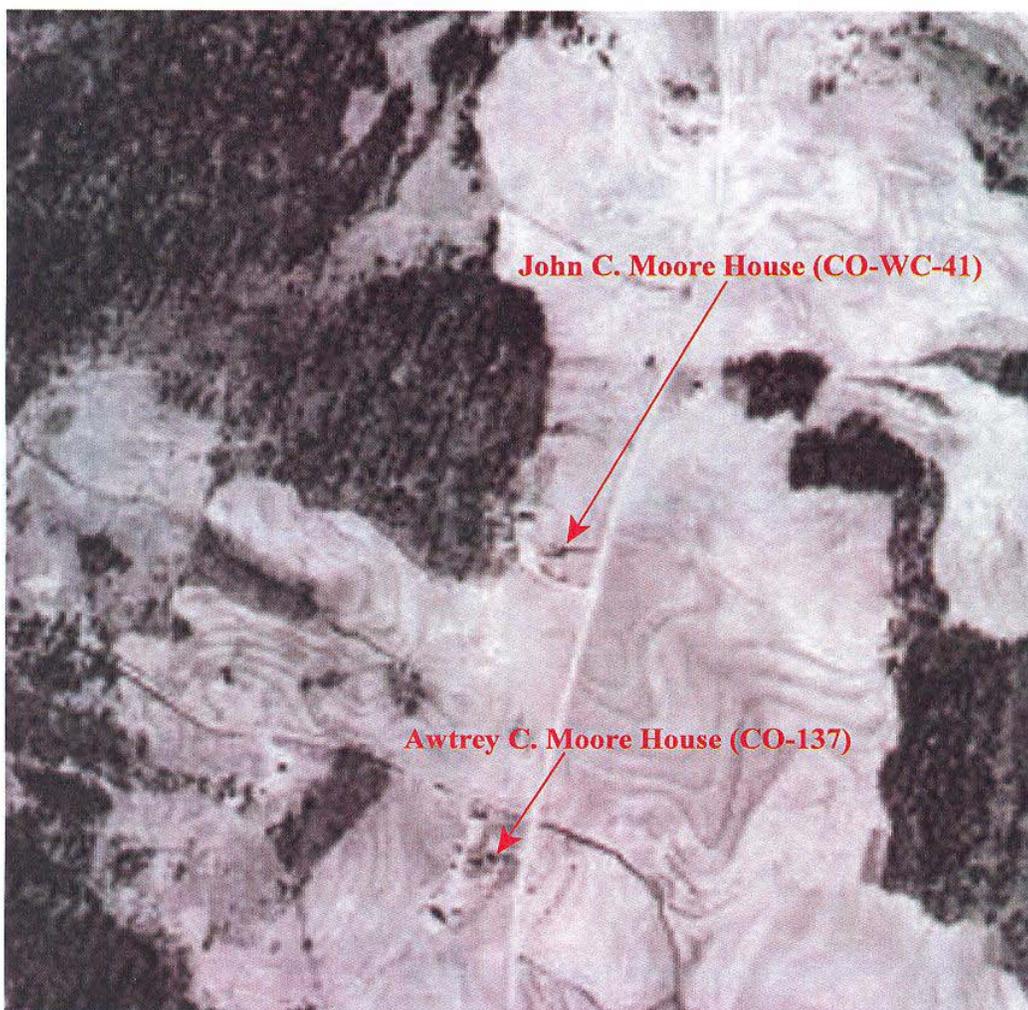
42 Tax map number

43 Recognition and date

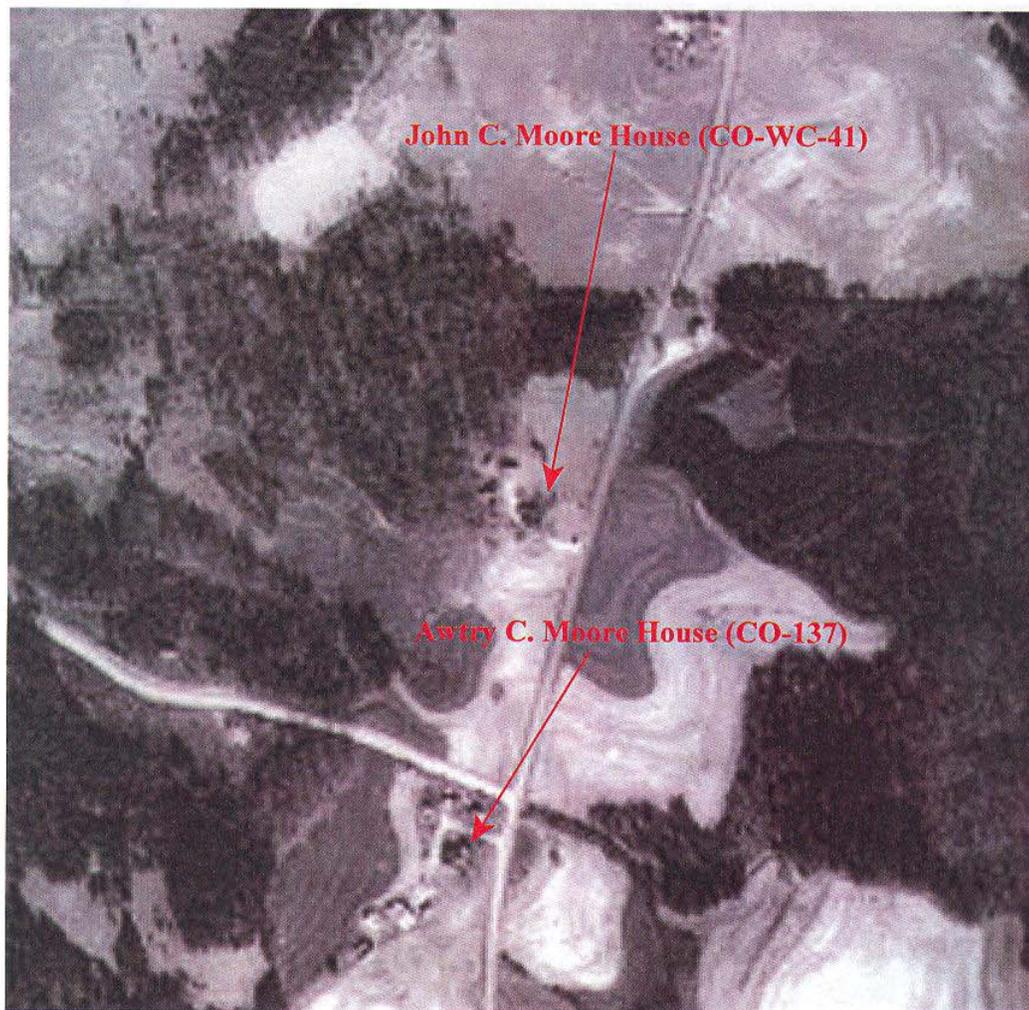
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- Local designation
- HABS/HAER
- Determination of eligibility
- Other

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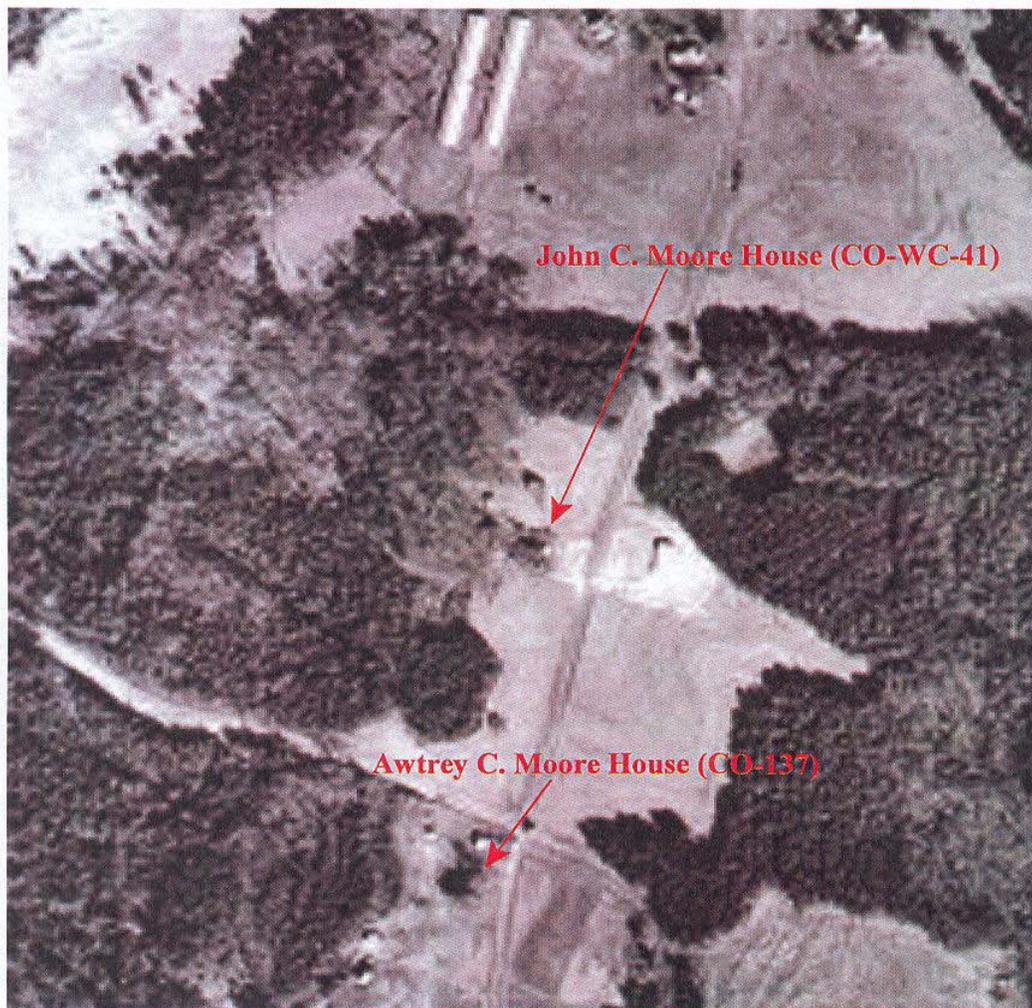
Aerial Photographs 1942-2005



1942 Aerial Photograph Showing Location of the John C. Moore House



1960 Aerial Photograph Showing Location of the John C. Moore House



1972 Aerial Photograph Showing Location of the John C. Moore House



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Leigh Burns, R. S. Webb and Associates, January 20, 2006

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