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HISTORIC	"Pleasant Green"			
AND/OR COMMON	Andrews-Chesnutt I	House		
LOCATION STREET & NUMBER	U. S. Highway 135 Pilot Grove, Misso	, Six miles south a ouri	and two miles west	of
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### SPECIFIC DATES

#### BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Pleasant Green" house and related buildings are important as tangible remains of the early settlement of Clear Creek Township in southwest Cooper County, Missouri. This homestead was settled by a family whose members were active in local, county and state politics. Slaveholders, their economic operation represented a way of life drastically changed by the Civil War.

The hexagonal barn, although not dating from the period of early construction, is an important architectural element of the complex, representing a rare agricultural building form surviving in good condition.

The current sympathetic owners, fifth and sixth generation descendants of the original owner/builder, plan to restore the property bringing back to it some of the original furnishings which have come down to them.

## <u>History</u> of Owne<u>rship</u> and Notable Family Members

Winston Walker (1780-1855) was born in Henry County, Virginia, and married Mary Polly Rubey (1785-1872) in 1800. They came to Cooper County, Missouri, in about 1826 and established the homestead known as "Pleasant Green." In 1830 Winston Walker had two slaves. In 1840 he had five slaves.

Their son, Anthony Smith Walker, (1805-1863) purchased the property from his parents in 1833. Anthony Smith Walker was Assessor of Cooper County in 1835, Judge of the Cooper County Court in 1842, and member of the Missouri General Assembly in 1844 and in 1860. Judge A. S. Walker has been reputed by family tradition to be the first postmaster in Clear Creek Township, maintaining the post office at his residence. While this aspect of the history of the place has not yet been borne out by a search of the Post Office records, the southeast brick portion of the house has long been referred to as the "post office room" and some post office boxes were there until removed by a previous owner.

A. S. Walker is listed in the 1840 census<sup>9</sup> as the head of a household of 12, including six slaves. Upon A. S. Walker's death in 1863 his son, Anthony Addison Winston Walker (1839-1918) inherited the property which he held until his retirement in 1906. A. A. W. Walker was a major in the Union Army. He was a graduate of the State university at Columbia.

John Read Samuel Walker (1846-1900), brother of A. A. W. Walker, was also born at "Pleasant Green." He entered Kemper Military School at Boonville, Missouri in 1861 and two years later continued his education at Yale University. In 1870

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he was elected to the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Missouri General Assembly, representing Bates County. During 1873 he studied law under John Cosgrove of Boonville, and in 1874 he was admitted to the bar. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county which post he held two years. Later he was U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, at Kansas City, where he died. I

The present owners are Col. and Mrs. Stanley Andrews and their daughter, Florence Walker Chesnutt. Mrs. Andrews is a direct descendant, five generations removed, from Winston Walker. Col. Andrews was in active service of the U. S. Army during World Wars I and II, serving overseas several years, and afterward working for the State Department, both in Washington, D. C. and abroad. He was appointed by President Harry S. Truman to be Administrator of the Foreign Aid Program and is now retired, devoting himself to the renovation of "Pleasant Green" and to the cultivation of a citrus grove in southern Texas.

## Comment on the History of the House

The total picture of the history of this place has not yet been clearly defined by historical research. From the evidence brought forth to date it appears possible that the front portion of the house was constructed during the (1833-1863) ownership of Anthony Smith Walker and the wood-frame rear, two-story wing was constructed during the (1863-1906) ownership of Anthony Addison Winston Walker, probably during the early part of that period.

#### **FOOTNOTES**

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#### CONDITION

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Pleasant Green," facing north from the south side of Highway 135, is a five-bay, two-story, classic revival brick residence with a wood-frame, two-story addition to the south forming a "T" with the front block. The structure is approximately 60 x 80 feet. There is an eastern one-and-a-half-story, brick section and across the south there is a rear, one-story addition for a kitchen, bathroom and screened-porch, where once stood an outside kitchen building. There are two major entrances—a central front porch and an east entrance with a Neo-classic porch supported by six columns. The latter was added about the last quarter of the nine-teenth century. Both entrances lead to stairhalls which intersect at the middle of the house.

Initial construction of the homestead appears to date from circa the 1820s period when the Walker family migrated from Virginia and Kentucky to Cooper County, Missouri. The smokehouse and a slave structure to the south of the house are the only remaining outbuildings. A large barn was torn down in 1973 by a former owner. A ca. 1900, hexagonal, wood-frame barn, designed for use as a stock sales barn, is located on the property southeast of the house.

The foundations of the house are local stone. The walls of the east room and north, two-story section are of locally made brick. The two south additions are of wood-frame construction, presently painted brick red.

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The front block has mostly peaked stone lintels and stone sills on the double-hung sash, six-over-six light windows. There are peaked lintels on the doorways also. The front doorway features flanking, fluted pilasters and a two-light transom. Several windows have replacement glass with fewer panes than the original. The additions have varying configurations of glass.

There are four chimneys, two centrally located on the east and west gable end walls of the front block. Another is centered on the ridge of the rear south wing and the fourth emerges from the east slope of the rear wing's roof. The front chimneys are trimmed by a projecting, two-course brick moulding positioned two courses below the upper edge.

The front block has two rooms downstairs and upstairs with a central stairhall between them on each floor. A room formerly used as the local post office is located immediately to the south of the east entrance. This room has a fireplace and mantel with a native limestone hearth. The two-story, wood-frame addition has the dining room on the first floor and a bedroom on the second floor. The dining room has a walk-in pantry with built-in bins for flour and sugar.

The decorative, Neo-classic design woodwork has an elaborate version used on the first floor and a slightly simpler version used on the second floor. The mouldings are painted in bands—a band of ebony, a band of faux bois wood grain, and

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several bands of brown.

The present owners found a wooden drapery cornice in the house which matches the woodwork except one of the moulding contours is covered with gold leaf.

Access to the unfinished attic is by an opening in the ceiling of the east bedroom and through a door in the back upstairs hall. There can be seen the heavy, oak beams, hand-hewn and with the bark still showing on the unfinished sides.

There is a partial basement under the southeast rear wing. It contains the hot water tanks and pipes. Access is through the floor of the southeast screened porch.

### **Alterations**

An illustration in the 1877 county atlas<sup>2</sup> shows the north porch as being a full two-story portico with pediment and gable roof. This feature was modified, ca. 1900, to a one-story porch with a second story deck and balustrade.

The earliest portion of the house appears to be the southeast, brick-walled room. Later, ca. 1830s-1840s was added the two-story front brick section. The third addition was the wood-frame south "T" which appears to date from the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The fourth addition was the south, wood-frame porch and kitchen dating from about the first decade of the twentieth century. As recorded in the 1877 Atlas illustration of the homestead, a large number of outbuildings indicating a well-developed homestead, were present at that time.

In about 1906 the separate kitchen building was torn down, as were several other appurtenant buildings. A new kitchen and other rooms were added to the south (rear) of the house at that time.<sup>3</sup>

In 1972 the present owners replaced a standing seam, metal roof with a shake shingle roof. The exterior trim has recently been painted white. Some stabilization repairs have been made to the house and outbuildings.

### Condition

\*Pleasant Green" was neglected and vacant for about thirty years before the present owners undertook its rehabilitation. The worst damage was done to the plastered walls and to the foundation when the Highway Department blasted along the north front during construction of Highway 135 in the early 1950s. The front brick walls are somewhat out of plumb. Running water has been installed in the

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kitchen and bathroom and electricity has been wired over most of the downstairs. The second story is comparatively untouched and in need of repairs.

### Site

"Pleasant Green" house is beautifully situated in a wide valley. The east entrance overlooks a long sloping hill. One ancient Scotch burrwood pine tree leans over the panel fence near the highway. The driveway from the road leads to the east entrance.

South of the house are the appurtenant structures. The board and batten, wood-frame smokehouse has a standing seam metal roof. Inside are hooks in the rafters for hanging meat. The wood-frame, clapboarded house, reputed to be a slave dwelling, has two entrances. There is a chimney centered on the roof ridge serving a small fireplace on the interior. The roof is newly installed metal.

South of the house is a pond. And to the southeast is a hexagonal-plan barn, constructed at the turn of the century. This structure was built as a show barn for stock. The barn is a three-tier design in which the octagonal main floor is roofed by a clearstory and is topped with a lantern. The board and batten structure now has a metal roof supported by a framework of interconnected beams bearing on the outside walls with no center pole.

The complex of related farm buildings stands on a 6.28 acre tract separated from the rest of the original farm which is now in other ownership. The Pleasant Green church and cemetery, where many of the early pioneer members of the original owner/builder's family are buried, is within sight of the house to the distant southeast. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad that was built on the original farm in 1870-1872 is slightly south of the church and cemetery. The original homestead was about 1000 acres. After the Civil War the town of Pleasant Green was built on a portion of the original acreage and flourished for a while. The church still holds weekly meetings and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1975.

### Present Status

The Andrews and Chesnutt families are descendants of the original Walker pioneers and are dedicated to preserving the house and related structures and plan to restore them and open them to the public as an historic house and museum. The house was about to be torn down when the Andrews acquired it in 1971. Ornamental shrubbery is being planted and a peach orchard has been established on the slope of land to the east of the house. A modern board fence encloses three sides of the house yard. The fireplaces that had been cemented closed are being opened and restored to their original form and function.

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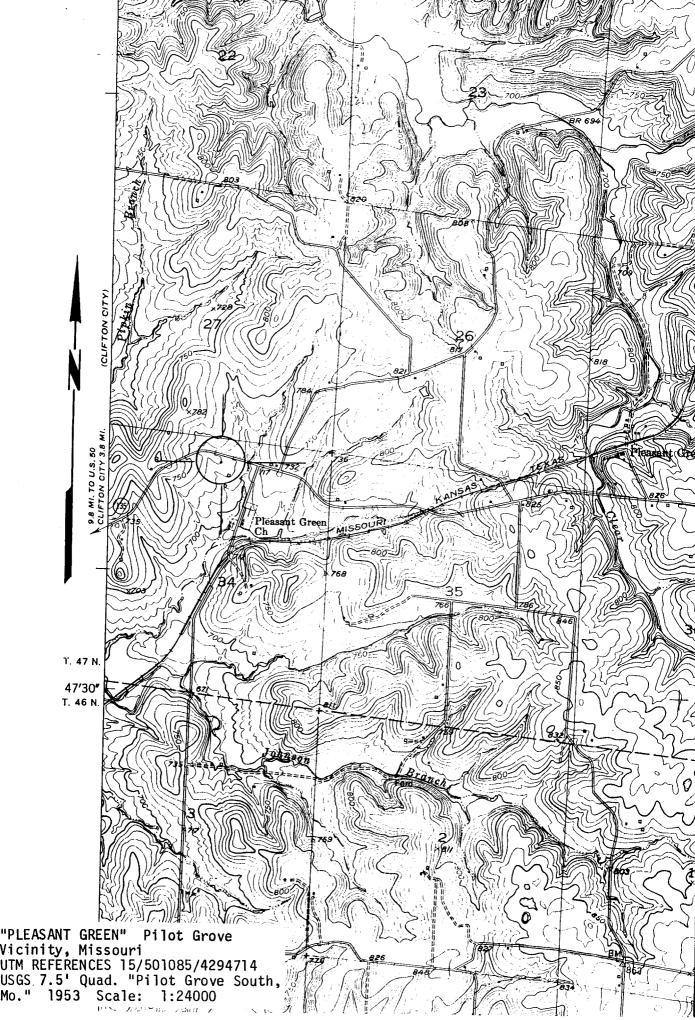
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