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[SAVANNAH – October 18, 2004] As the classically attired bride stands in the doorway of the Hamilton-Turner mansion, an onlooker might question the serenity of the scene. The photographer would not. A graceful ambience hovers gently around the composed bride, fashionably framing one everlasting moment.

"Is it the Second French Empire architecture, the 12 foot doors and windows, the quiet bustle of Lafayette Square, the heirloom furnishings or the grand entryway?" Innkeeper Jane Sales answers, "It is all of those and more. The mansion evokes a feel of all the special events and memorable moments that have taken place here over the last one hundred and thirty years. Real people have laughed and loved in this wonderful mansion."

The larger-than-life style of living at Hamilton-Turner Inn offers a grand beginning to one of life's most memorable moments. For each newlywed couple, the mansion's timeless composure exudes a harmonious grand style and quietude. Encompassed within the historic Savannah urban Mid Victorian chateau, the size or type of wedding doesn't seem to matter -- formal, informal, progressive, casual, elopement, honeymoon, destination, weekend, or surprise.

Captivated photographers are fascinated by the enduring prominence of the Hamilton-Turner 19th century southern gentleman's family mansion -- a Mid Victorian and Second French Empire architectural masterpiece on Lafayette Square. The fashionable architecture and distinguished gracefulness contribute to the mansion's 'talk of the town' reputation and the mansion's selection as a venue-of-choice for imaginative, intimate Savannah weddings.

While remnants of family traditions may endure, the personalities of the bride and groom prevail in marriage vows, wedding locations, invitation lists, and itineraries. "Today's chic weddings, particularly destination weddings, more actively envelop friends and family," shares veteran innkeeper Jane Sales.

Regardless of the number of participants, the southern mansion is slower in pace and big on style. Typically, an 'a la friends' wedding begins with an itinerary of pre-wedding activities and continues with the marriage ceremony, the lively honeymoon, and day-to-day entertainment. Schedules are synchronized to coordinate timely arrivals, meeting places, and departures for privileged guests.

Floor-to-ceiling windows offer on-the-park views of lush Savannah for the formal parlor wedding. For the garden wedding, Lafayette Square presents an alternate, inspiring historic setting within the shadows of the infamous Catholic Cathedral of St. John the

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Baptist. A landscape of beauty and prominence, Lafayette Square is one of the legendary planned city's social gathering places.

Subsequent to and following weddings, casual-to-luxurious accommodations at Hamilton-Turner Inn provide restful central historic district guest lodging and quiet pleasures. For historic church weddings, nearby venues include Wesley Monumental, Christ Church, Mickve Israel Synagogue, Unitarian, First Baptist, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, and Independence Presbyterian.

Couples discover the confident assurance of the Hamilton-Turner's on-staff wedding consultants. Initial apprehensions regarding a distant-planned wedding are calmed far in advance of arrival. Gourmet chefs, Anna Sales and Ben Malone, personalize hors d'oeuvres, breakfast, reception dinner, picnic and luncheon for cherished gatherings of less than 40 friends-and-family wedding guests.

Hamilton-Turner's invitation to 'arrive for quiet comforts and inviting pleasures' includes lodging accommodations for the wheelchair assisted guest and youngsters. Optionally, the inn's Tybee Island beach cottage -- within minutes of the Atlantic Ocean -- provides the perfect beach excursion, honeymoon, or mix for urban and beach leisure.

About the Hamilton-Turner Inn.

The architecturally notable mansion (circa 1873) of post-Civil War businessman extraordinaire and former naval officer, Samuel Pugh Hamilton, maintains a high society status and is historically the talk of the town(sm). Notoriously known as the party mansion of John Berendt's colossal best selling novel "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," today the 19th century Mid Victorian gentleman's manor reflects meticulous renovations and affluent furnishings as a family-friendly, luxury bed and breakfast inn in historic Savannah Georgia.

The park mansion's Second French Empire architectural craftsmanship permeates 17 guestroom accommodations, formal parlors and carriage house. Peaceful butterfly gardens, culinary trained chefs, and fashionable dining – personalized breakfast, evening hors d'oeuvres and bedtime toddies – are included in a larger-than-life-style of leisure. The invitation to 'arrive for quiet comfort and inviting pleasures' is extended to the discerning traveler, destination wedding, honeymoon couple, journalist, dignitary; and, uniquely, the lodging invitation is to upscale families with young children, and guests requiring wheelchair accommodation. With a coveted park side setting in the quiet dignity of Lafayette Square, Hamilton-Turner Inn is the refined answer to where to stay in Savannah. www.Hamilton-TurnerInn.com. Toll Free Telephone (888) 448-8849.

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