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## JESSICA NEWTON & TROY MENDEZ 11.03.12

**LOVE STORY:** Troy loves to say we met in a bar but really it was a birthday party at a restaurant. I went to the party with a friend of mine and he asked if we could pick up another person on the way. Troy says as soon as he saw me get out of the car he got nervous. Troy tried his best to sit next to me at the party but I didn't know anyone and stuck close to my friend. So he got stuck between two guys. I was definitely interested in Troy but when the birthday girl told me she had a crush on him I figured he was off limits. He figured I was dating my friend. But he kept trying to talk to me anyway. When he tried to get up and come talk to me one of the buttons on his shirt got caught in the chair and ripped out leaving the bottom of his shirt hanging wide open. So he stood there talking to me holding his shirt closed praying I wouldn't notice. We talked nearly all night but didn't exchange numbers because we thought we'd never see each other again. When Troy moved in with that friend a few weeks later he asked about me. When the friend told Troy he didn't like blondes he said, "Well then can I have her number?"

**WEDDING PLANNING:** We want our wedding to feel modern southern, with a formal yet comfortable feel, lots of family, a "farm to table" inspired meal and vintage rustic details.

**YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Troy's is very close to his grandfather. Just a few months into our relationship Grampy went in for heart surgery and he nearly didn't make it. We spent the whole weekend in the hospital waiting for any piece of good news. As we headed back toward Atlanta, Troy told me he had something he wanted to show me. As an engineer, I love old architecture and Troy knew walking around the ruins at Barnsley Gardens would cheer us both up. I fell in love with it and since then it has been a special place for us. We couldn't think of a better place to take our engagement pictures. John understood right away how meaningful it was for us and made sure to capture it. He started us off just walking down a path together so that we didn't feel posed, and as he got to know our personalities he made them come out in the pictures. We love the way they turned out and are so excited for our wedding photos!

## Behind the Story



Photographer Bamber Photography