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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bacon-Fraser House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 208 East Court Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hinesville N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Liberty code 179

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Olin S. Fraser, Sr.

street & number 208 East Court Street

city, town Hinesville N/A vicinity of state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Liberty County Courthouse

city, town Hinesville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Liberty County has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date October 7, 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bacon-Fraser House is a two-story weatherboarded Plantation Plain style house dating from 1839. The five-bay structure has nine-over-nine windows with louvered shutters, a shed-roofed front porch with turned columns and banister railing, brick entrance steps, double entrance doors with transom light, a hipped roof, and two rear wall chimneys. The house is raised and rests on Savannah grey brick piers. A rear shed room and ell addition, constructed on what is believed to be the foundations of the original rear rooms that were removed and rebuilt in 1923, were added in 1979.

The interior of the original (front) part of the house has a two-over-two room central hall plan, fine hand-planed woodwork, including mantels, doors, chair and stair rails, plaster cornices, ceiling medallions, curly heart pine floors, and plaster walls. Other significant features include baseboards, original hardware, and an octagonal newel post at the foot of the stairway banister.

The grounds are landscaped with grass, old flowering shrub trees, including rose bushes, live oak trees with Spanish moss, and sycamore trees. Two non-historic outbuildings are located behind the house.

The boundary of the National Register property is based on the remaining historic acreage associated with the house. It coincides with the current legal description of the property.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> local history

**Specific dates** 1839 **Builder/Architect** Mary Jane Bacon (built for)

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bacon-Fraser House is significant in the areas of architecture, exploration and settlement, landscape architecture, and local history.

Architecturally, the Bacon-Fraser House is a well-preserved example of a pre-Civil War Plantation Plain type structure, a significant form of vernacular architecture that was common in rural Georgia and the Southeast in the 19th century. The original part of the interior, which consists of the central hall two-over-two room plan, has fine hand-planed woodwork with mantels, doors, chair and stair rails, baseboards, and curly heart pine floors, and unusually fine plaster detailing on the ceiling. Most of the windows have working slat shutters with original hardware and latches.

In terms of exploration and settlement, the house is significant for its 1839 date of construction. In 1837 Hinesville was laid out to replace Riceboro as the Liberty County seat. Less than two years later, Mary Jane Bacon, the widow of Major John Bacon, built the house for her family on the edge of Hinesville. It is the only building remaining in Hinesville that documents this early settlement period.

In the area of landscape architecture, the property is important for its grounds that are landscaped with sycamore trees and live oaks with Spanish moss and fine examples of 19th-century flowering shrubs including camelias, azaleas, tea plants, and Bankshire rose bushes.

In terms of local history, the property is significant for Civil War related events that occurred there during General Sherman's March to the Sea and for the role it played in the social history of Hinesville, as the home of many generations of the locally prominent Fraser family. The house is located on land that was bought from the heirs of Major John Martin, who was granted 500 acres from the British Crown in July 1752. Mary Jane Hazzard Bacon, widow of Major John Bacon of Riceboro, bought the land and built a house for her family in 1839-1840. In 1842 her daughter Mary William Bacon (1825-1884) married Simon Fraser (1816-1870), and they inherited the house and raised seven children. Simon Fraser was a deacon in the Midway Church, where he taught Sunday School to local black children. He also served as Clerk of the Superior Court and was a member of the Georgia Legislature. During the Civil War several out-buildings were burned, but the main house was spared and was used as a place of refuge for the elderly, women, and children. The house has remained in the Fraser family for seven generations, and the current owners are Mr. and Mrs. Olin S. Fraser, Sr.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Fraser, Olin S. "Structural and Site Survey Form." December 1982. (On file at Georgia Department of Natural Resources.)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 3.5 acres approximately

Quadrangle name Hinesville, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 

1	7	4	4	3	8	3	0	3	5	2	1	3	5	1	6	1	0
Zone		Easting						Northing									

B 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

C 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

D 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

E 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

F 

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G 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

H 

Zone		Easting						Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Description, part 7.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N.A. code county code

state code county code

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon  
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3/14/85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

4-18-85

John A. Brown  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

SEE 1" = 100'  
MAP H12-C

WASHINGTON

Bacon-Fraser House  
Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia

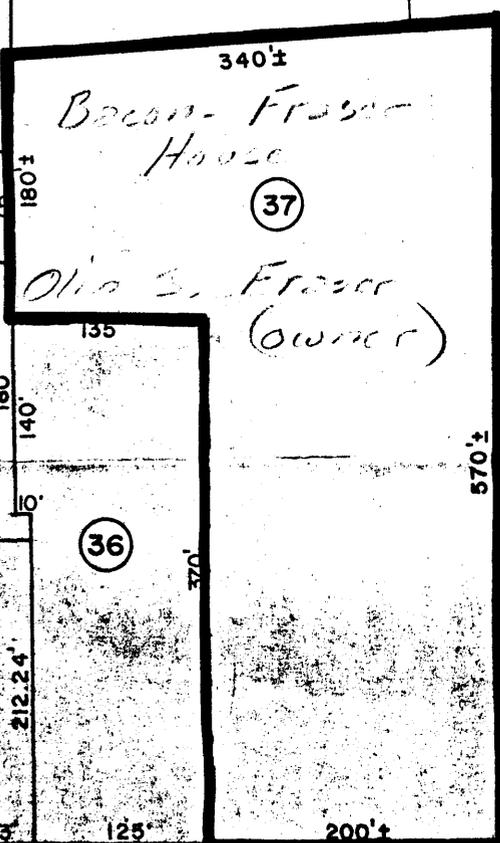
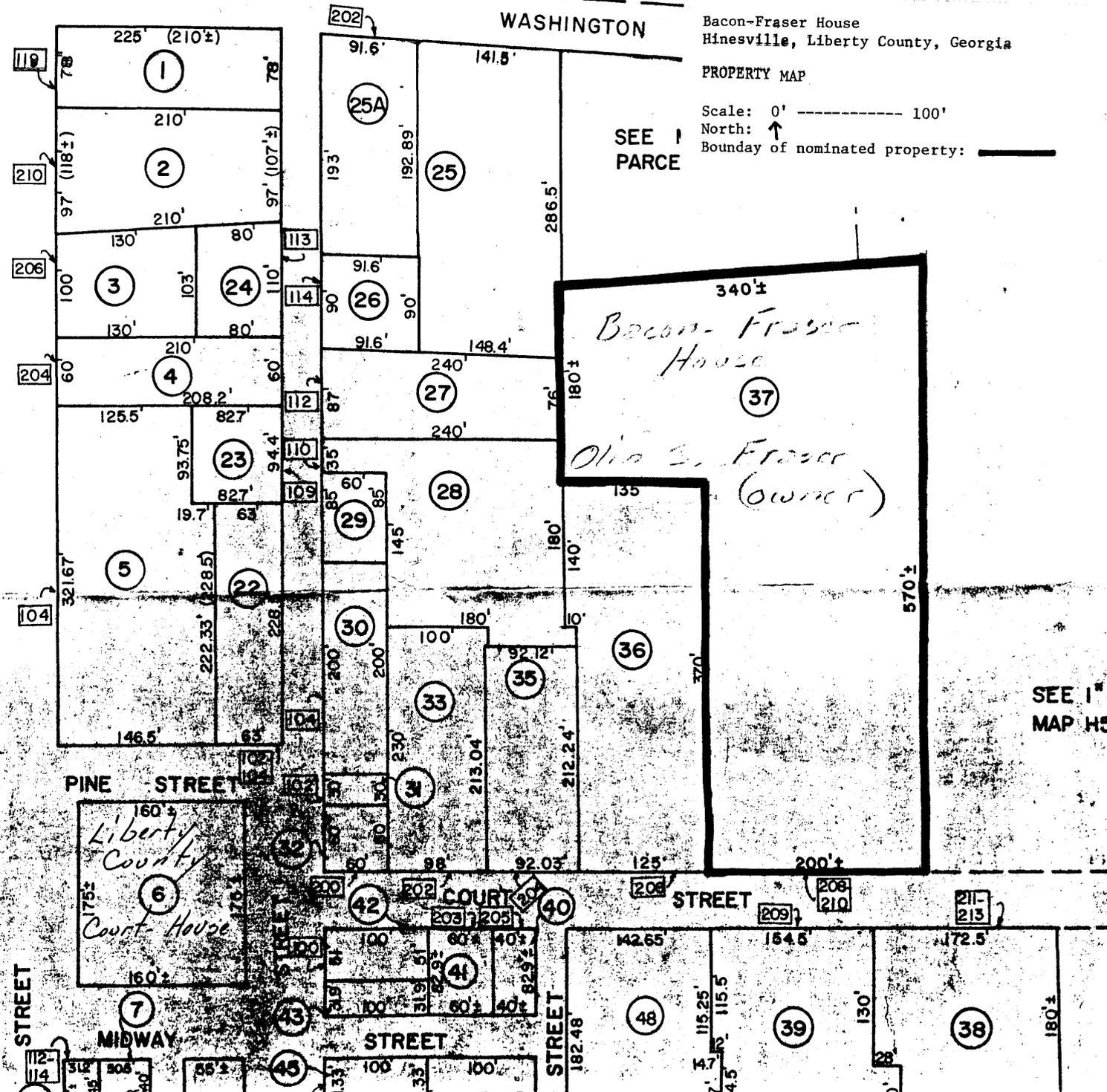
PROPERTY MAP

Scale: 0' ----- 100'

North: ↑

Boundary of nominated property: ————

SEE 1  
PARCE



SEE 1" = 1"  
MAP H5-A

1" = 100'  
MAP H10-B