



# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Walter R. Holt House  
other names/site number N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 3776 Vineville Avenue  
city, town Macon ( ) vicinity of  
county Bibb code 021  
state Georgia code GA zip code 31210

( ) not for publication

## 3. Classification

### Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

### Category of Property:

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

### Number of Resources within Property:

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

*Richard Coates*

Signature of certifying official

*1-4-05*

Date

*for*

W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

(  ) entered in the National Register

*Edson Beall*

*2/24/05*

( ) determined eligible for the National Register

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register

( ) removed from the National Register

( ) other, explain:

( ) see continuation sheet

*[Signature]*

Keeper of the National Register

Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

### Current Functions:

Commerce/Trade: business

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

Late Victorian: Queen Anne

### Materials:

<b>foundation</b>	Brick
<b>walls</b>	Wood: weatherboard
<b>roof</b>	Asphalt
<b>other</b>	Glass

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Walter R. Holt House is a two-story Queen Anne-style house located northwest of downtown Macon on a small lot that was once part of Holt's vast land holdings. Built in c.1886, the Holt house is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style with its irregular massing, front and side projections, wrap-around porch, and complex roof configuration. The wood-frame house represents the Queen Anne house type (defined as a combination of the floor plan and the number of stories) because its plan includes irregular massing, a projecting parlor, small entry vestibule and a large hall. The house is also an excellent example of the Queen Anne style because of its eclectic ornamentation. Located on a flat corner lot shaded by cedar and pecan trees, the house is set among early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century houses.

The Holt house is a two-story Queen Anne-style house with an asymmetrical floor plan, multiple gables, and a wrap-around porch. Asphalt shingles cover the roof and the exterior walls are sheathed in wood weatherboard and beaded board siding. The brick-pier foundation has been filled with brick to form a continuous foundation. The original two-over-two-light windows remain intact.

Like all Queen Anne-style houses, the Holt house is eclectic with references to past architectural styles. These references include English medieval architecture with its gable-front woodwork and projecting second story. The feathered brackets that support the front-facing gable roof allude to the wooden architecture of medieval Japan. The turned balusters, jig-sawn brackets, and the elaborate door surround represent the eclectic Folk Victorian style.

The interior plan features six principal rooms, a front parlor, entrance hall, dining room, two bedrooms, and a rear kitchen. A small foyer opens onto the entrance hall, which includes a fireplace

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**Section 7—Description**

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and stairs to the second floor. A narrow corridor divides the dining room and bedroom and leads to the rear kitchen ell. The kitchen was once a separate building that was later joined to the main house. The second-floor plan, which mirrors the first floor, includes five bedrooms and a sleeping porch above the main entrance.

The interior walls and ceilings are finished in plaster with wood wainscoting applied in the entrance hall. The staircase is paneled with turned balusters, and an elaborately carved newel post. Most of the original mantels survive, though most hardware has been replaced. On October 27, 2003, the Walter R. Holt House received final certification from the Technical Services Branch of the National Park Service after it was rehabilitated for use as an office building.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:**

nationally       statewide       locally

**Applicable National Register Criteria:**

A       B       C       D

**Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):**  N/A

A       B       C       D       E       F       G

**Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):**

Architecture

**Period of Significance:**

c.1886

**Significant Dates:**

c.1886 – Walter R. Holt built his house on 200 acres on Vineville Avenue.

**Significant Person(s):**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation:**

N/A

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

Unknown

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**Section 8—Statement of Significance**

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**Statement of significance (areas of significance)**

The William R. Holt House is significant in the area of architecture because it is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The Queen Anne style, which was popular from the 1880s to the 1910s, was introduced to a broad audience at the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876. Its origins in Old English house forms appealed to a revival of interest in the architecture of colonial America and its eclecticism offered relief from the historical revivals that dominated the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Holt House is an excellent example of a Queen Anne house type and the Queen Anne style because of its irregular plan, wrap-around porch, and exterior ornament, which includes eclectic references to past architectural styles. The sunbursts and feathered brackets derive from the wooden architecture of medieval Japan. The projecting second-story jet is associated with British colonial architecture of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century.

**National Register Criteria**

C – The William R. Holt House is significant because it is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture.

**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

**Period of significance (justification)**

c.1886

**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The Walter R. Holt House, which is eligible for listing in the National Register, is the only resource associated with the nomination.

**Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)**

The Walter R. Holt House is located along Vineville Avenue, a rural corridor developed after the Civil War. According to a map drawn in 1863, Forsyth Road (Vineville Avenue) was completely rural with only a handful of houses north of the Confederate Arsenal previously located near Forsyth Road and Vista Circle. The Macon & Western Railroad had been built in the years before the Civil War.

According to Bibb County city directories and tax records, the first reference to the property was in 1886 at which time Walter R. Holt is listed as the owner. The property included 200 acres valued at \$1,200 in addition to \$400 in livestock and household goods valued at \$25. The total value of his property was listed at \$1,655. The presence of household goods suggests that a house existed on the property by 1886.

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Walter R. Holt's parents were Robert Simon Holt and Julia Bowman. Walter was born in 1859 as the youngest of three children. His paternal grandfather, Simon Holt Jr., was born in Halifax County, Virginia and moved to Hancock County, Georgia. Several Holt families resided in Hancock County in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, while other Holts settled in Macon.

Holt's house is identified on a map produced in 1897. By 1899, Holt owned 2,000 acres, which he farmed. Nancy Burney Douglass (a descendant of William Holt's wife, Annie), described Walter Holt as a "good manager and [he] planted cotton, corn and other marketable produce." Holt was also successful in the wholesale grocery business, first as Holt and Barfield, then Holt and Malone, and later Holt and Mason. By 1905, his grocery business, W. R. Holt and Company was located at the corner of Poplar and Third streets. At his death in 1919, Holt was identified as a member of the Bibb County Road Board and one of the most prominent farmers in the county.

Holt's widow Annie Holt, resided in the house until her death in 1927. She was born Annie Merritt (or Merrett) on December 9, 1861. Annie's sister Lillian and her husband J. W. Johnston lived about one mile closer to town. Her sister Lillian moved in with Mrs. Holt when Mr. Johnston died in 1920. The Holt property was also occupied by a number of small houses for African Americans. In 1924, there were seven such houses and in 1939, the number was reduced to three. None of the African-American houses remain. In the 1920s, Annie Holt and Lillian Johnston retained the house and a ½-acre lot and sold the rest, which was subdivided into smaller house lots. Lillian Holt lived in the Holt house from 1920 until her death in 1954.

Paul Rumble, a representative for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph, purchased the house in 1959. The Huston Oil Company purchased the property in 1965 as the future location for a filling station. The oil company never developed the site and sold the house in 1976. The William Sclocumb Trust, which owned the property from 1976 to 2002, purchased the house for Florrest Blankenship. Blankenship divided the house into apartments, reserving one apartment for himself. In 2002, James A. Smith purchased the house and rehabilitated it as an office building. The Walter R. Holt House received final certification from the Technical Services Branch of the National Park Service on October 27, 2003

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Battin, Maryel. Historic District Information Form. 3776 Vineville Avenue (Walter R. Holt House). On file at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, Atlanta, Georgia, n.d.

Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources. *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in their Landscaped Settings*. Atlanta: Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1991.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued  
date issued: October 27, 2003
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other, Specify Repository:

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A**



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## **10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property**      Approximately 0.5 acres.

### **UTM References**

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### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The historic district boundary is indicated by a heavy black line on the attached map, which is drawn to scale.

### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the Holt house on 0.5 acres that remain of the original 200-acre Walter R. Holt estate. Holt's heirs subdivided the property in the 1920s.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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(X) **consultant**  
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( ) **other:**

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**city or town** Macon **state** GA **zip code** 31201  
**e-mail (optional)** N/A

**National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

**Photographs**

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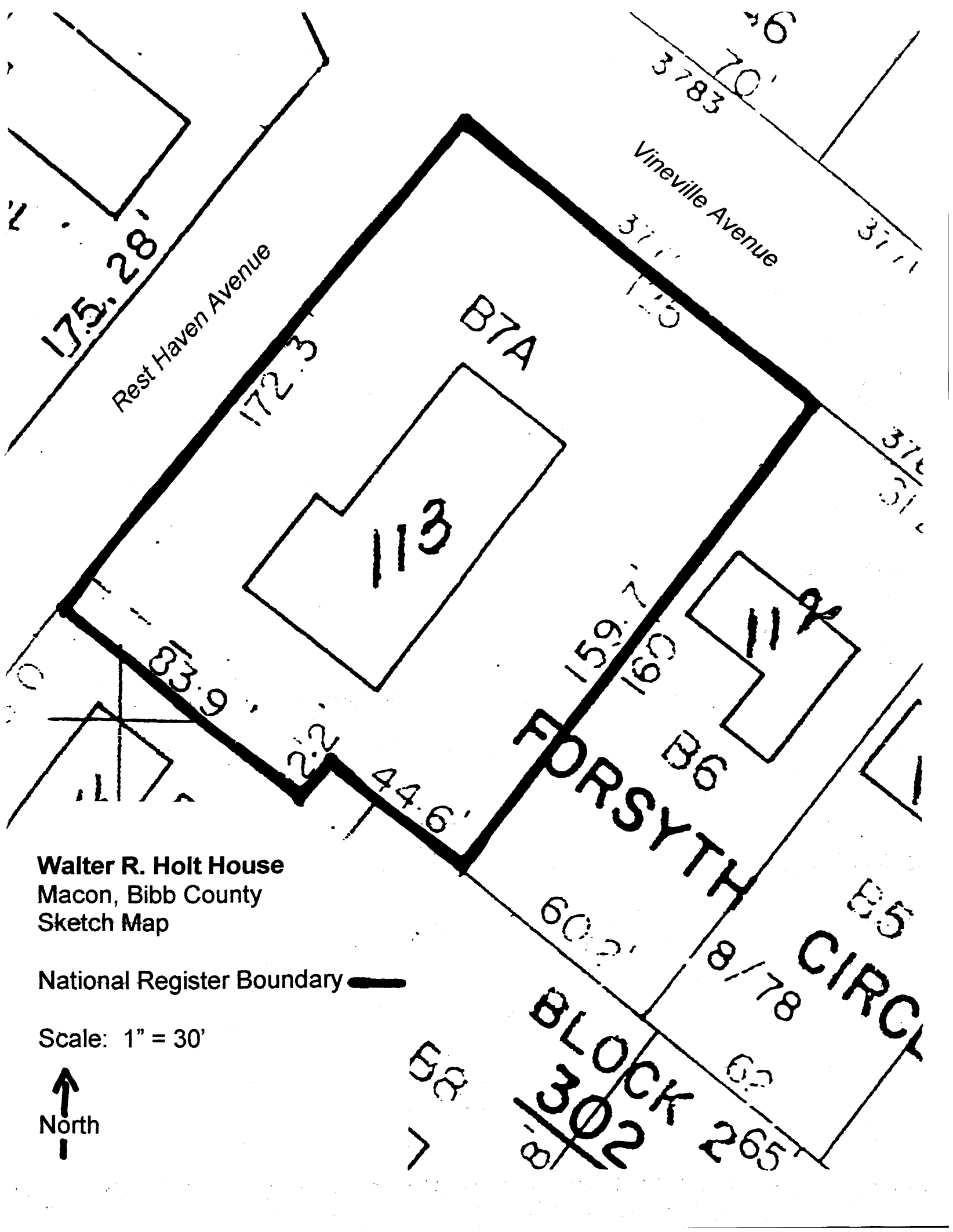
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**City, County, State:** Macon, Bibb, Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** April 2004

**Description of Photograph(s):**

Number of photographs: 16

1. Main façade and east side, photographer facing west.
2. Main façade, photographer facing southwest.
3. Main entrance, detail, photographer facing southwest.
4. Main façade and west side, photographer facing south.
5. West side and rear façade, photographer facing north.
6. Rear façade, photographer facing northeast.
7. Rear façade and east side, photographer facing north.
8. Interior, first floor, hall and entrance vestibule, photographer facing northeast.
9. Interior, first floor, hall, photographer facing south.
10. Interior, first floor, hall stairs, photographer facing northwest.
11. Interior, first floor, front parlor, photographer facing southwest.
12. Interior, first floor, parlor, photographer facing north.
13. Interior, first floor, bedroom, photographer facing west.
14. Interior, first floor, dining room, photographer facing northeast.
15. Interior, second floor, front bedroom, photographer facing east.
16. Interior, second floor, bedroom, photographer facing northwest.

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**Walter R. Holt House**  
Macon, Bibb County  
Sketch Map

National Register Boundary **—**

Scale: 1" = 30'



B7A  
113

114

B6

B5

FORSYTH  
BLOCK 302  
CIRCLE

Rest Haven Avenue

Vineville Avenue

175.28'

172.3'

B7A

113

33.9'

22'

44.6'

FORSYTH

B6

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CIRCLE

BLOCK 302

265'

3783

70'

46

3711

3711

159.7'

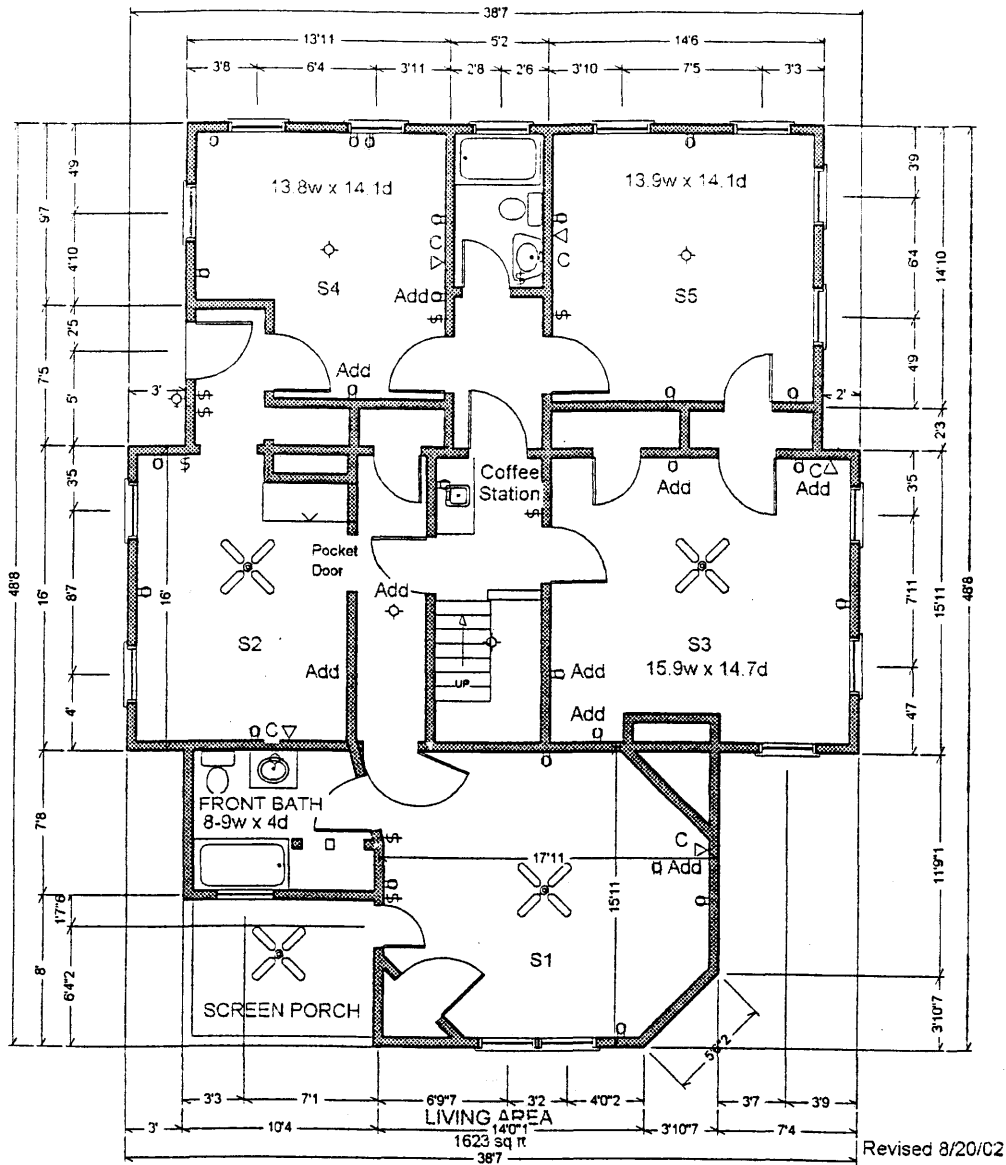
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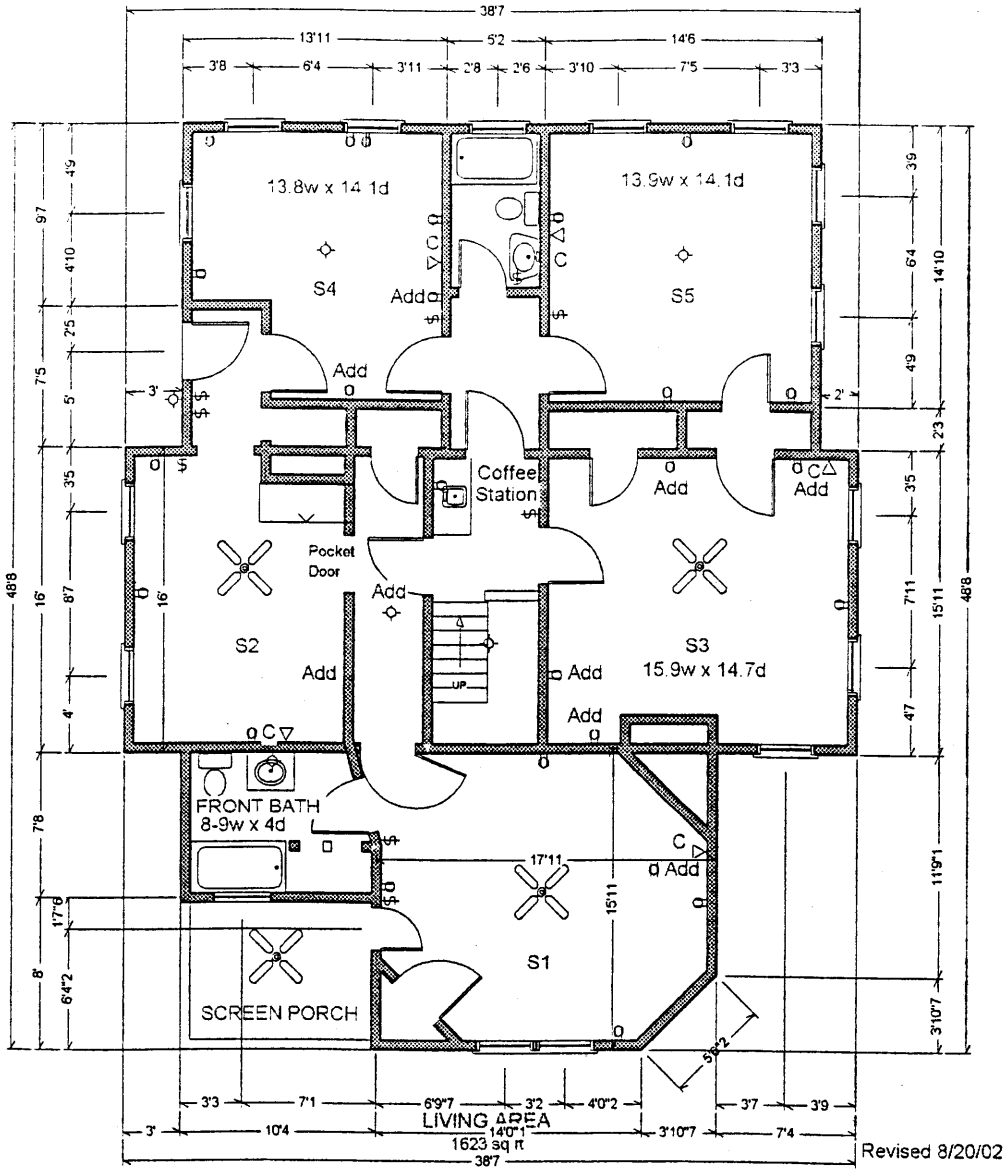
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**Walter R. Holt House**  
**Macon, Bibb County**  
**Second-Floor Plan**

Scale: 1" = 10'





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**Second-Floor Plan**

Scale: 1" = 10'

