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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Kimbrough, John Hall House
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: R. Route 1, Box 257 not for publication N/A
city or town: Ethel vicinity X
state: Mississippi code MS county Attala code 7 zip code 39067

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul JAN. 23, 1998
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
X entered in the National Register, ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain):

Edson H. Boall 3.5.98
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

John Hall Kimbrough House
Name of Property

Attala County, Mississippi
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private **Number of Resources within Property:**
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property: Building **Contributing** **Noncontributing**

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--------------|
| | 1 | | buildings |
| | | | sites |
| | | | structures |
| | | | objects |
| | 1 | | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing **Number of contributing resources previously listed**
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) **in the National Register**

_____ N/A _____ 0 _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions: VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s): OTHER/dogtrot

Materials:
foundation: stone, wood
roof: wood shingles, metal
walls: weatherboard, beaden board
other: brick, glass

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

- c. 1860
- c. 1870

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Dates

- c. 1860
- c. 1870

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

John Hall Kimbrough

Narrative Statement of Significance:

See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- 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

Name of repository:

John Hall Kimbrough House

Name of Property

Attala County, Mississippi

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less that one acre

| UTM References: | Zone | Easting/Northing | Zone | Easting/Northing |
|-----------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| A | 16 | 3675200/267760 | C | |
| B | | | D | |

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Lynda Kimbrough Rood, owner

organization:

street & number: 1609 Johanna Fairway

city or town: Columbus

state: MS

date: July 15, 1997

telephone: (601) 327-4004

zip code: 39701

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

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Narrative Description

The John Hall Kimbrough House located approximately five miles north and slightly west of Ethel, Mississippi, and just off the Natchez Trace in the Liberty community in rural Attala County. The house is an excellent example of the traditional vernacular house form called a "dogtrot". Situated on a gentle rise off the Old Rockport Road, the John Hall Kimbrough House faces south onto a dirt road and is a one-and-one-half story, side-gabled, dogtrot house of wood frame construction with a rear ell. The house rests on stone piers with wood timbers and is constructed with sawn-cut bevel siding. The original wood shingles have been covered with corrugated metal. The house is believed to have been built in two phases circa 1860, and circa 1870. The original dogtrot was one room deep with rear and front galleries and a detached kitchen. However, about 1870 the galleries were enclosed to create four cabinet rooms and a rear ell was added incorporating the northeast cabinet room to the original kitchen. Also the ceiling was lowered in the east room to make a half-story room in the attic. Stone chimneys were attached to either end of the house; however, both deteriorated and only the east chimney has been replaced with brick in circa 1940.

The south facade is three-bays wide with the outer bays featuring paired, nine-over-six double-hung sash windows and the open dogtrot passage in the central bay. The doors and windows are trimmed with wooden surrounds. An undercut gallery supported by box columns originally spanned the facade but was enclosed to form two cabinet rooms circa 1870. Windows throughout the main house and ell are nine-over-six double-hung sash, while those in the kitchen are six-over-six double-hung sash.

The original 1860 rooms have retained their flushboard interior walls with wainscoting that were covered with lath and plaster. The cabinet rooms and rear ell feature beaded board walls indicating their later date. The ceilings throughout the house are board-and-batten along with a section of the wall of the east room near the staircase. Doors and windows throughout the house feature plain eared surrounds, and various forms of vernacular panel doors with their original hardware. The mantels are plain with mantel shelves and limited moldings. The upper half story is accessed by an interior staircase in the southeast room from both the southeast and dining room ell that connects the kitchen.

The John Hall Kimbrough House retains an exceptional degree of integrity and demonstrates the craftsmanship of the vernacular dogtrot form as well as the aspirations of an early frontier family. This is demonstrated with the builder's conscious attempt to refine the home with wainscoting, plaster walls, decorative doors and hardware.

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Statement of Significance

The John Hall Kimbrough House is being nominated under Criterion C for its architectural significance as a well-preserved example of the vernacular dogtrot form. Originally built in circa 1860 with two, one-room deep pens connected with the open dogtrot passage and having both front and rear galleries. The house achieved its present form in circa 1870 as the front and rear galleries were enclosed and an ell was placed on the eastern rear of the building attaching the historic kitchen to the main house. The house retains a high degree of architectural integrity both on its exterior and interior. The dogtrot was once a common form in frontier architecture however few examples remain within the state of Mississippi and of those that do remain even fewer possess the architectural integrity demonstrated in the John Hall Kimbrough House.

John Hall Kimbrough was born on July 3, 1829, in Greene County, Georgia, and is believed to have been the seventh child son of John and Ester Winslet Kimbrough. John Hall Kimbrough moved to Attala County, Mississippi in the fall of 1849 and is recorded as having purchased 280 acres of land on section 10, T 15, R 8E. It is unknown as to when he purchased and built the dogtrot house but it is believed to have been around the time of his marriage to Marie Josephine Woodard in October 1, 1855. Mr. Kimbrough built his home and lived in it throughout his life passing the house and its property from generation to generation. The family has done a wonderful job at retaining the house and the current owner Lynda Kimbrough Rood plans to restore the house.

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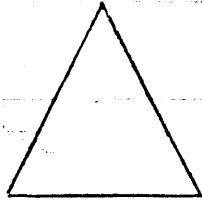
Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property consists of a square, the center of which is at the center of the roof ridge of the main roof of the house. Measuring 50 feet in each direction from the center of the roof ridge, the resulting square of land has sides that are 100 feet long and are perpendicular to the ridge of the main roof. This property is located in the SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 15, Range 8 East, Attala County, Mississippi.

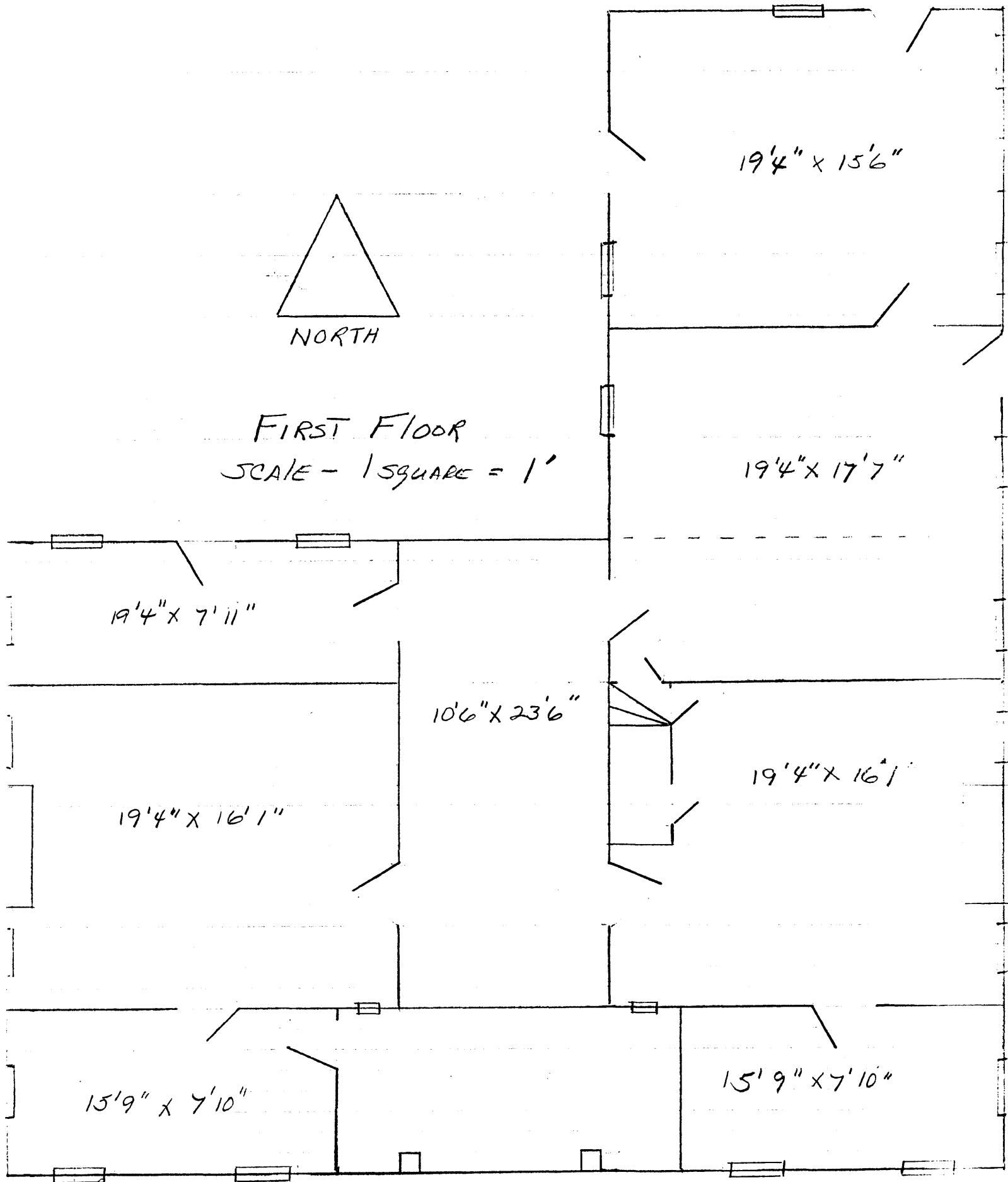
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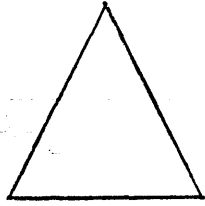
The boundary was selected to include the house. The present owners of the house own 131 acres of land, but because the house is being nominated strictly for architectural significance, this amount of acreage would be excessive for the National Register purposes.



NORTH

FIRST FLOOR
SCALE - 1 SQUARE = 1'

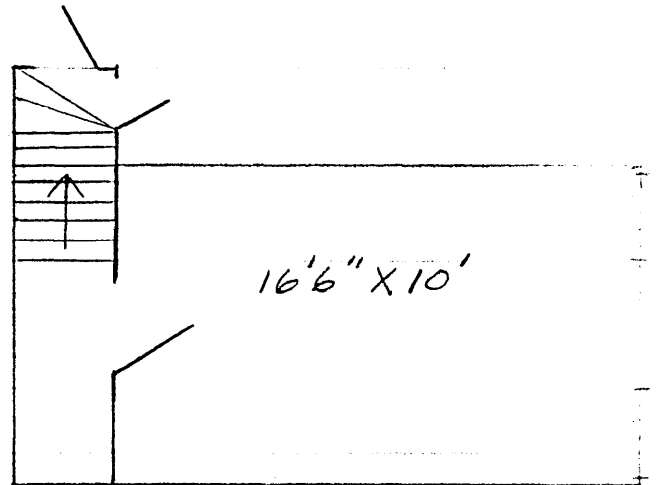


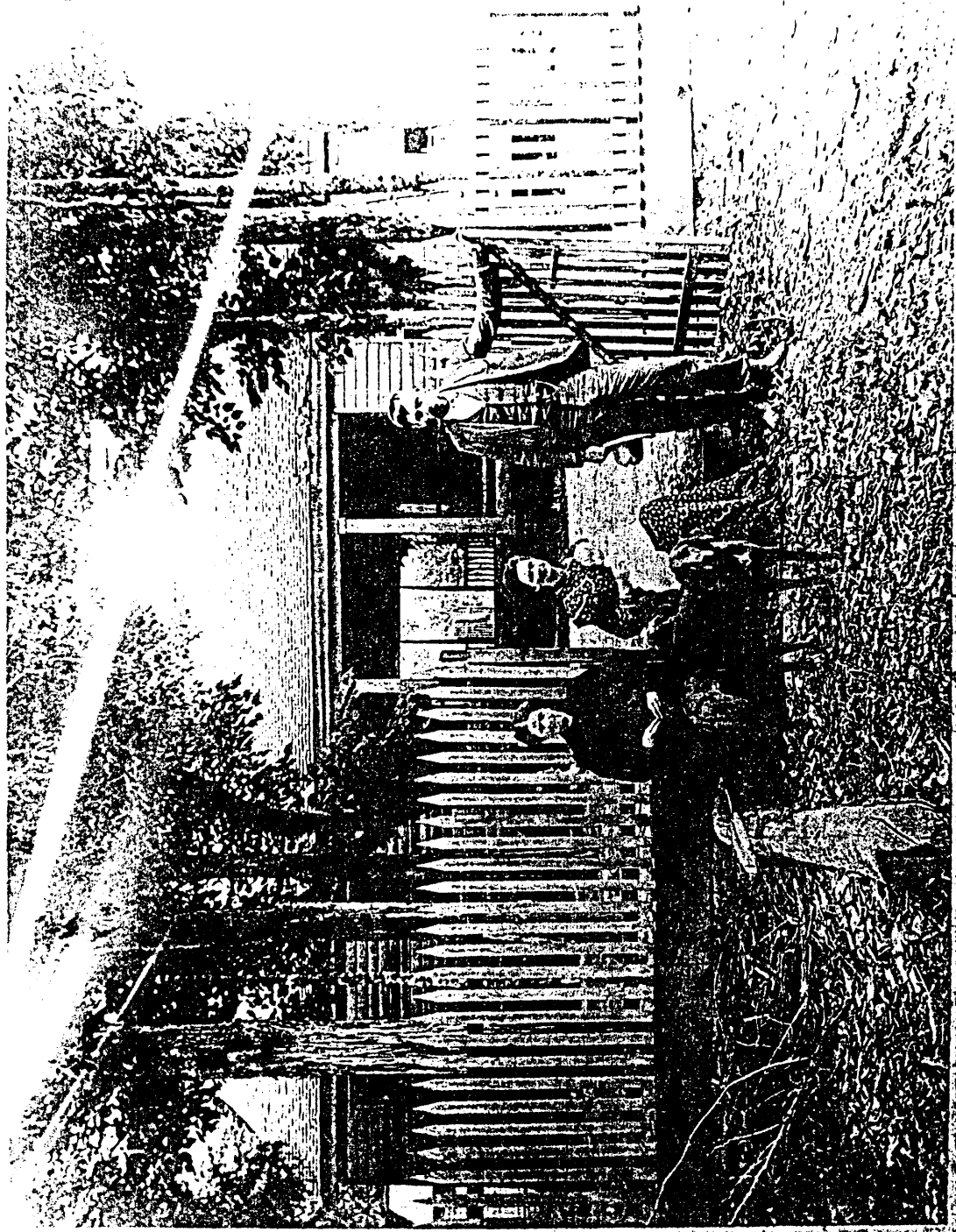


NORTH

SECOND FLOOR

SCALE - 1 SQUARE = 1'





NASHVILLE, TENN.

1902

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1. John Hall Kimbrough House
2. Liberty Chapel Community
3. Lynda Kimbrough Rood
4. May 1997
5. Negatives: Lynda Kimbrough Rood

- Photo 1 Historic photo, xerox copy dated 1902. South facade, view to north
- Photo 2 Facade (south), view to north
- Photo 3 East elevation, view to west
- Photo 4 North elevation and ell west elevation, view to south
- Photo 5 West elevation, view to east
- Photo 6 North and west elevations, view to southeast
- Photo 7 Door from undercut gallery to southwest cabinet room, view to west
- Photo 8 Door to northwest cabinet room from the open dogtrot passage, view to west
- Photo 9 Door to west room from the open dogtrot passage, view to west
- Photo 10 Door to west room, inside, view to east
- Photo 11 West room, view to west
- Photo 12 Hardware on northwest cabinet room door, view to east
- Photo 13 East room, view to east
- Photo 14 Door to stairwell from east room, view to west
- Photo 15 East room, view to southwest
- Photo 16 Upstairs one-half story room, view to east