

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 JARRELL, H. FRANK, HOUSE
other names/site number The Christian Science Society

2. Location

street & number 605 Hill St.
city, town LaGrange (N/A) vicinity of
county Troup code GA 285
state Georgia code GA zip code 30240

(N/A) not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- (X) private
() public-local
() public-state
() public-federal

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	1	1
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	1

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

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.

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Signature of certifying official

9/4/92
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon
State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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**

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() determined eligible for the National Register

() determined not eligible for the National Register

() removed from the National Register

() other, explain:

() see continuation sheet

for _____
Signature, Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions:

COMMERCE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

GREEK REVIVAL

Materials:

foundation	brick
walls	wood
roof	asphalt shingles
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The H. Frank Jarrell House is a one-story, wood-framed Greek Revival style house built ca. 1849. It is located in LaGrange, county seat of Troup County, in central western Georgia, in a residential neighborhood of mixed style and age but with commercial property only one block away.

The house is set on 7-foot-high brick foundation piers. On the exterior there is clapboard siding with wood moldings and trim. Four large paneled columns support the recessed front portico. The house contains multi-paned windows, symmetrically arranged, with very heavy blinds and original hand wrought hardware. The front doorway is centered on the front facade.

On the interior, there is a 14-foot-wide central hall with 3 rooms on each side. Each room is approximately 15 x 20 feet in size. There is one fireplace centrally located in each room. The interior walls are plaster with wood trim and moldings. The hand-shaped trim reflects fine craftsmanship. The ceilings are 14 feet high.

The wide central hall has a divider, added in 1885, at the front to form an open foyer. On this divider is a central pier mirror surrounded by two wooden Ionic columns and two smaller marble Ionic columns.

The house was built using hand-hewn beams and large pegs. The lath under the plaster is hand cut.

Originally the house had only 6 fireplaces for heat. The hot air furnace and air conditioning were added in 1956.

The grounds have been landscaped during the recent rehabilitation.

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Originally there was a detached kitchen, a barn and a two-room servants' house, as well as an original "garden pavilion," a sort of long rectangular gazebo in the rear. All of these original outbuildings are gone and a new garden pavilion has been built during the recent rehabilitation.

Earlier changes to the property included the destruction of the original back portico and its replacement by an assortment of lean-to rooms which housed a make-shift kitchen, a bath and a furnace room. A second bath was added in the west center bedroom in 1956. All of these additions were removed during the recent rehabilitation which transformed the house into a gift shop. Major additions were new lighting and a large desk in the center hall.

8. Statement of Significance

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:

ca. 1849

Significant Dates:

ca. 1849

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

unknown

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Jarrell House is significant in architecture as an excellent example of the Greek Revival style. Built around 1849, the house exhibits all the major characteristics of this style, including a symmetrical front facade with a recessed front porch with square columns, pilasters, central entrance with transom and sidelights, flush weatherboarding under the portico and fluted and dog-eared moldings. The interior contains classical features including moldings, mantels, columns set in antis, and a ca. 1885 room dividing screen between the entrance hall and the central hall, as well as the symmetrical central-hall floor plan. Construction materials and techniques including heavy hand-hewn timber framing and hand-split lath are typical of this period in residential architecture.

National Register Criteria

The Jarrell House meets National Register Criterion C because its antebellum Greek Revival styling shows the distinct characteristics of an important American architectural style. All of the components evidenced in this house--the columns, pilasters, symmetrical arrangement, central hall with flanking rooms and architectural detailing--are elements of this style which became popular in the deep South around 1830. This house is an almost perfect example of a one-story cottage in this style.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance is given as only the date the house was built, since its significance derives primarily from its Greek Revival architecture. While it was the home of many prominent local people from its creation until it became a church reading room in the 1950s, significance is not being claimed on behalf of any of them in this nomination.

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Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)

The history of the H. Frank Jarrell House begins with the supposed building date of 1849. Troup County had been opened for settlement for twenty-two years, since 1827, at the time the house was built. During these decades, Lot 85, a 202 1/2 acre lot, had changed hands several times. The large lot was not divided until 1849 when only two acres were sold for \$322.87 to Sylvanus Bates. It is on those two acres that this house was built and the house's lot remains approximately that same size today.

Bates, who owned these two acres for five years, is considered the owner/builder of this house. He was headmaster of LaGrange High School and a teacher there in the 1850 census. Bates and his family of six lived off campus in this house.

Bates sold the house and 2 acres in 1854 for \$1,550 and moved to Macon, Georgia, where he was living in the 1860 census. The five-fold jump in price indicates major improvements, presumably due to the building of this house.

The new owner, John L. Stephens, an attorney, swapped the property in 1855 with William F. Dansby (1811-1899), a merchant, planter, and member of the Board of Trustees of LaGrange High School. Dansby was living there in the 1860 census. After 10 years, he sold in early 1865 the 2 acres for \$10,000 (This large price could reflect inflationary values in Confederate money at the close of the Civil War) to John Pope Culberson, a local planter, builder and lawyer. Culberson had served in the Georgia legislature during 1849-1850 and founded the LaGrange to Oxford (Alabama) Railroad. In 1868 he sold this house and lot for \$5,000 to Richard Floyd Thomason (1815-1877), a farmer, justice of the peace, city council member from 1876-1877, and former captain in the Confederate Army.

In 1873 Thomason sold the place to William P. Edmondson (1829-1907), a planter and merchant. His wife was Sarah Birdsong Edmondson (1832-1903). The Edmondsons' daughter, Lola (ca. 1859-1955), married in 1888, H. Frank Jarrell (1852-1929) and thus the house later became known as the Jarrell House. During the Edmondsons' ownership, they added a large pier mirror in the entrance way around 1885. When the front doors were open, it reflected the light outside and could be seen by people who passed by from the street.

In 1903, Mr. Jarrell moved to LaGrange and established the LaGrange Hardware Company, a business he headed for 26 years until his death in

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1929. Two of the Jarrell sons who grew up in this house attended the U.S. Naval Academy. One was Albert Edmondson Jarrell, who became an admiral, and was Senior Military Representative of the Allied Powers in Korea and Chief Negotiator for two years at Panmunjom, Korea, for the settlement ending the Korean War. The other, Henry T. Jarrell, Captain U. S. Navy retired, was born in the house in 1903.

Throughout the years, from the Bates through the Jarrell family, this house has served as a principal residence for many prominent citizens of LaGrange. When this house was constructed, it was considered on the fringe of the city. The high school and a few other homes were all that stood at the time in the area. Farm land surrounded it. As the 1880s led to further residential development on this street, it became one of the elite addresses of LaGrange. The construction of various Victorian mansions at the turn of the century, added to the few antebellum ones, created this status. As the 1930s developed into the 1950s, this street fell into slight decay. The construction of smaller, albeit neat, homes began to crowd the once spacious lawns and gardens. In the 1960s, this house and only a few others, mostly newer ones, were maintained. Rentals and apartments appeared up and down the street and eventually everyone financially able to do so moved.

This house continued as a place of residence until Mrs. Jarrell's death in 1955, when it was purchased by the Christian Science Society of LaGrange in 1958 and used as a church and meeting place.

It remained as such until 1989, when it was purchased by the current owners and rehabilitated for use as a gift shop.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Stark, Daniel C. "Stark Buchan House." Historic Property Information Form, October 20, 1989. On file at the Office of Historic Preservation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

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

(X) 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 #

Preliminary determination of individual listing issued by the National Park Service, Southeast Region Office on December 22, 1989.

Primary location of additional data:

(X) State historic preservation office

() Other State Agency

() Federal agency

() Local government

() University

(X) Other, Specify Repository: Troup County Archives, LaGrange, GA.

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property one and one half acre.

UTM References

A) Zone 16 Easting 685000 Northing 3657880

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is marked on the enclosed tax map and fits the measurements of parcel 25 on said map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes all the property that has historically been associated with this town house.

11. Form Prepared By

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Photographs

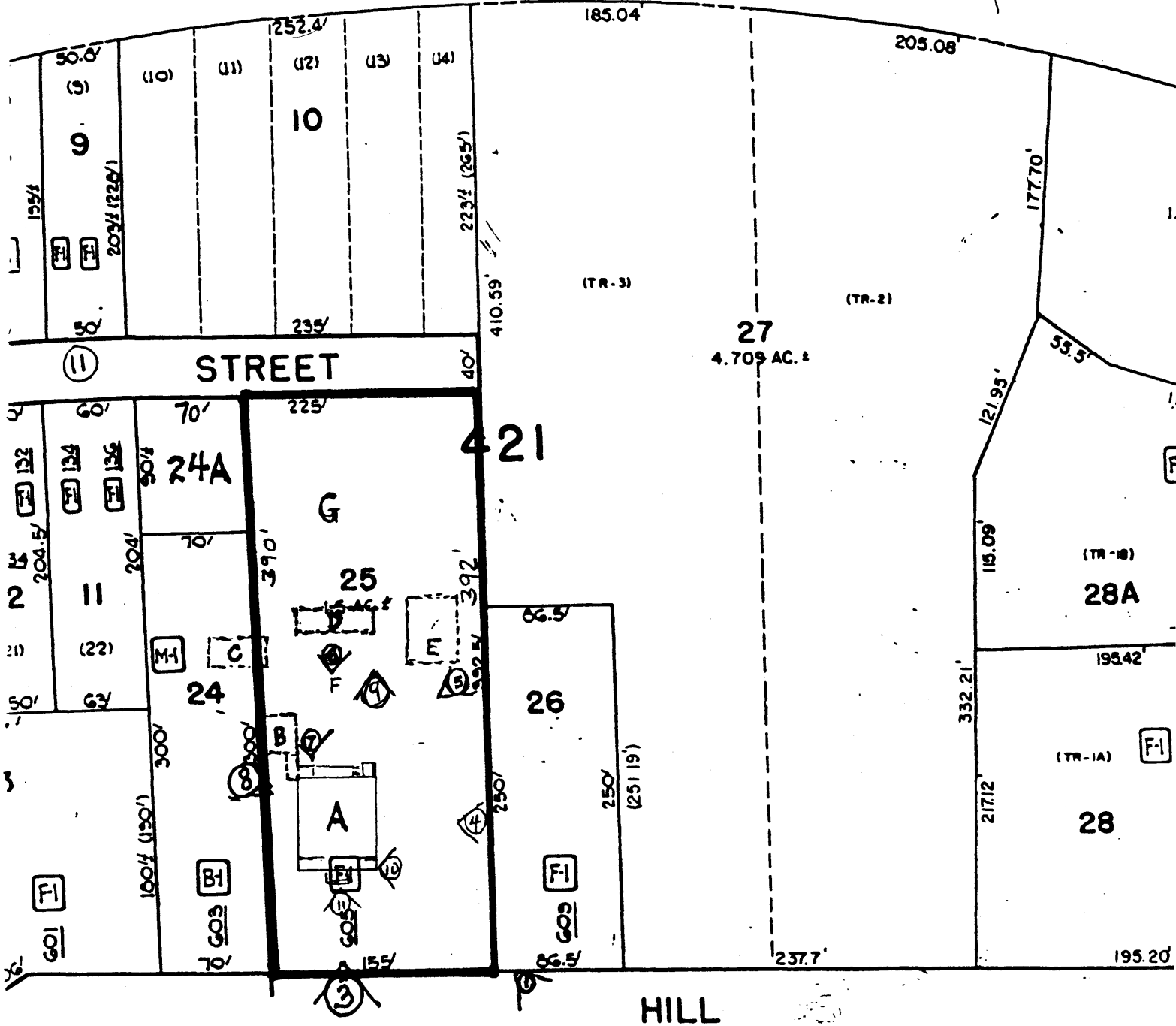
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City or Vicinity: LaGrange
County: Troup
State: Georgia
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Date Photographed: October, 1991

Description of Photograph(s):

- 1 of 10: Front facade; photographer facing northeast.
- 2 of 10: Front facade; photographer facing northwest.
- 3 of 10: Rear facade; photographer facing southwest.
- 4 of 10: Garden pavilion; photographer facing northwest.
- 5 of 10: Front porch and entrance; photographer facing west.
- 6 of 10: Interior, entrance hall; photographer facing northwest.
- 7 of 10: Interior, entrance hall and front parlor; photographer facing northwest.
- 8 of 10: Interior, center hall room; photographer facing south.
- 9 of 10: Interior, room F; photographer facing southwest.
- 10 of 10: Interior, rear porch facing center hall; photographer facing southeast.

COAST
SKETCH MAP

North
↑



Scale 1" = 100'

12/20/89

prepared by:

Daniel C. Stark

↑ NORTH

Sketch Map

H. Frank Jarrell House

LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia

Scale: Dimensions marked on the map

Source: Troup County Ga. Tax Assessors Office

Date: 1989

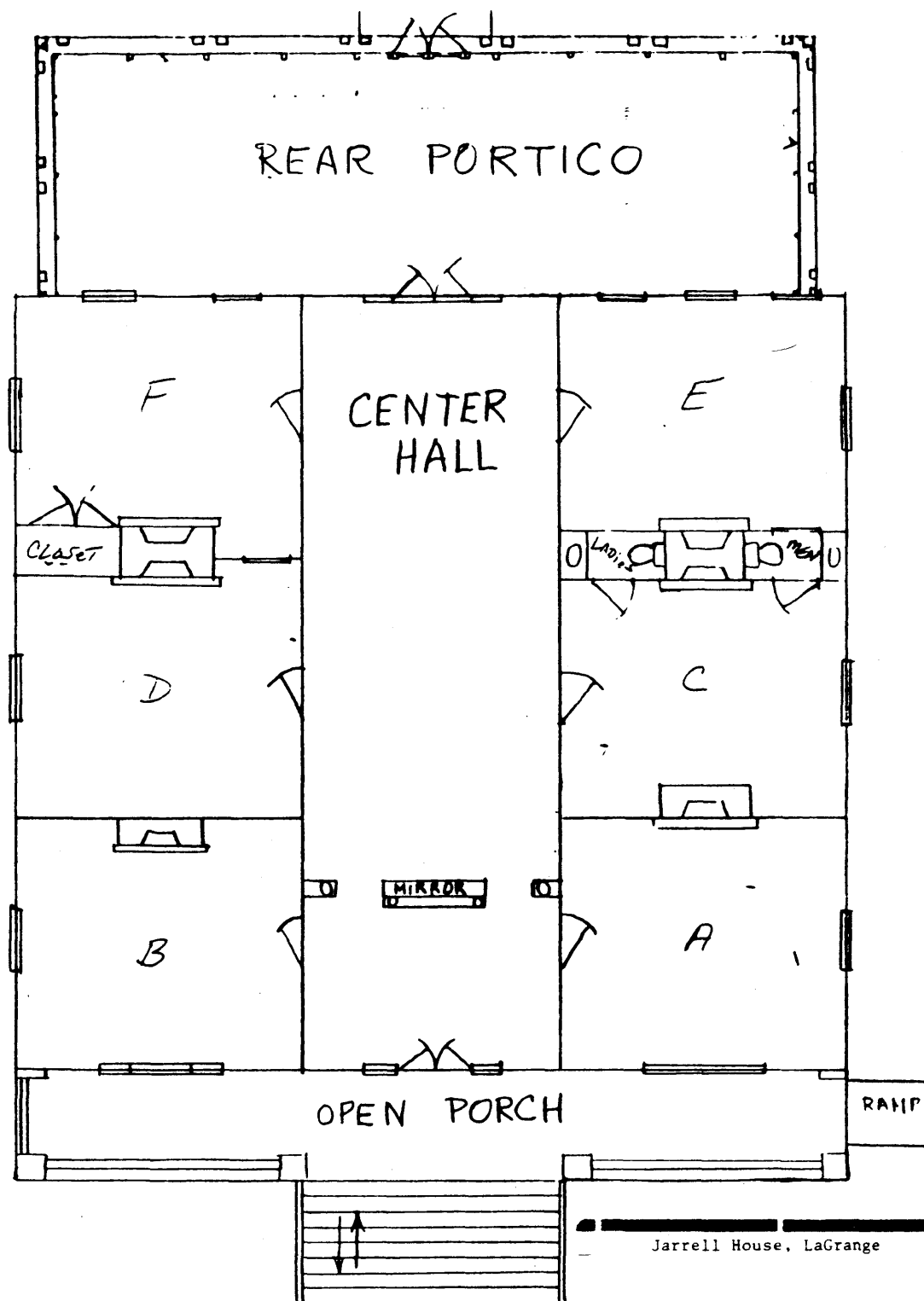
Key: Marked on the map. The nominated property is Lot 25 and is marked by a Heavy black line.

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Floor Plan

H. Frank Jarrell House

LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia

Scale: Not to scale

Source: Drawn by Daniel C. Stark

Date: January 1990

Key: Room use is marked directly on the plan.