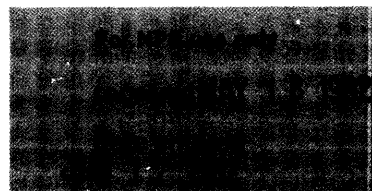


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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



## 1. Name

historic Ferdinand A. Ricks House

and/or common

## 2. Location

S. Collins and E. Calhoun Sts.

Northeast corner of South Collins and  
street & number East Calhoun Streets

N/A not for publication

city, town Reynolds

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

state Georgia

code 013

county Taylor

code 269

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. George S. Jenkins

street & number Box 584

city, town Reynolds

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Taylor County Courthouse

city, town Butler

state Georgia 31006

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records None

city, town

state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Ferdinand A. Ricks House, built in 1905 and extensively remodeled some twenty years later, is a two-story Georgian Revival style house located in Reynolds, Taylor County, Georgia. The house and two period outbuildings stand on an informally landscaped lot in a residential neighborhood which has some commercial intrusions.

The Ricks House is built of buff-colored brick laid in stretcher bond. Its low-pitched hipped roof is covered with green tiles and has a projecting cornice with modillions. The main body of the house is flanked by one-story sunrooms, the north one screened in, the south one enclosed. To the rear is a centrally located stair tower surrounded by a one-story service and bedroom wing. Four exterior end chimneys serve the rooms on both floors of the main part of the house; a fifth interior chimney is located on the south side of the back wing. The three bay front facade features a central doorway with leaded sidelights and elliptical fanlight that is protected by a one-story semicircular portico. Windows are one-over-one double hung sash with stone lintels on the first floor and flat arches on the second. A canopy over the South sunroom doorway provides a protected entrance from the driveway.

The interior of the house is arranged according to a central stairhall plan with flanking rooms. French doors between the first floor rooms create a semi-open layout. Finishing details are particularly lavish. High paneled wainscoting, plaster walls with raised panels, elaborate crown moldings, and delicate, beaded ceiling medallions appear in many of the downstairs rooms. Pairs of finely detailed columns flank the entrance to the north parlor, setting it off from the entry hall. Georgian Revival style mantels are located throughout the house. Many of the lighting fixtures are original, including chandeliers and sconces in the main first floor rooms. French doors with an elliptical fanlight lead from the front entry hall to the enclosed stairhall. The open, double run stairway features wainscoting and turned balusters. Its landing with its curved railing forms a focal point at the east end of the stairhall. Upstairs, four bedrooms open off the central hall. Two bathrooms, conveniently located on either side of the hall with direct access from the bedrooms, serve this floor. These bathrooms and two more downstairs retain their original fixtures and tiles.

The house stands on a corner lot informally landscaped with trees, shrubs, lawn and gardens. An early twentieth century wood-framed smokehouse is located to the northeast of the house; an early twentieth century brick garage, originally stuccoed, is located to the southeast. The property is in a residential neighborhood which has commercial intrusions. It is surrounded by old and new houses, an office building and a warehouse.

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## 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 type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** CA. 1905, CA. 1925 **Builder/Architect** Charles E. Choate, architect.

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ferdinand A. Ricks House is historically important in the areas of architecture, commerce and local history. Architecturally, the house represents an excellent local example of a 1920's Georgian Revival residence. It is one of the finest early twentieth century houses in Reynolds, Georgia. Although the house was originally constructed in 1905, its significance dates from its 1920's high style Georgian Revival remodeling. Typical of this style are the four over four room with central stairhall plan and the fine interior detailing. The integration of the bathrooms into the plan is characteristic of high quality early twentieth century house planning. The wainscoting, raised plaster wall panels, elegant interior columns, and plaster crown moldings and ceiling medallions are particularly noteworthy. The house has been little altered since the 1920's, and original lighting and bathroom fixtures remain. The architect of the 1920's renovation was Charles Edward Choate, an early twentieth century Atlanta architect who is known to have designed a variety of other buildings around Georgia including churches, a school, a bank and other residences and commercial structures.

The house was the home of Ferdinand and Frances Ricks. Mr. Ricks was a partner in Ricks Brothers, a family business that ran a general store, seed house, cotton gin and guano enterprise. Ricks Brothers was one of Reynolds's largest early twentieth century business concerns, and Mr. Ferdinand Ricks' involvement with it explains the Ricks House's commercial significance.

In addition to his family business connections, Ferdinand Ricks was also a local bank director, a civic leader and a church leader at the Reynolds Methodist Church. His wife, Frances Smith Ricks, organized the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in their house and later served as the group's president. She also served as president of the Woman's Club and the Methodist Women's Missionary Society. Both were leading citizens of Reynolds, hence the local history significance.

The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria B and C.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  
DATE NOT VERIFIED

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Interviews with niece and daughter of Ferdinand A. Ricks, owner.

Jenkins, Carolyn. "National Register Nomination Information Form," July, 1979.  
On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3/4 acre

Quadrangle name Reynolds, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	6	7	7	2	9	6	0	3	6	0	5	7	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C 

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F 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

G 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property coincides with Lot 43, outlined in red on Taylor County Property identification map RE-10. This is the remaining portion of the original city lot that is still associated with the property.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher  
Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date February 3, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street SW telephone 404/656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

## 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 State Historic Preservation Officer date 4/21/82

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 6/17/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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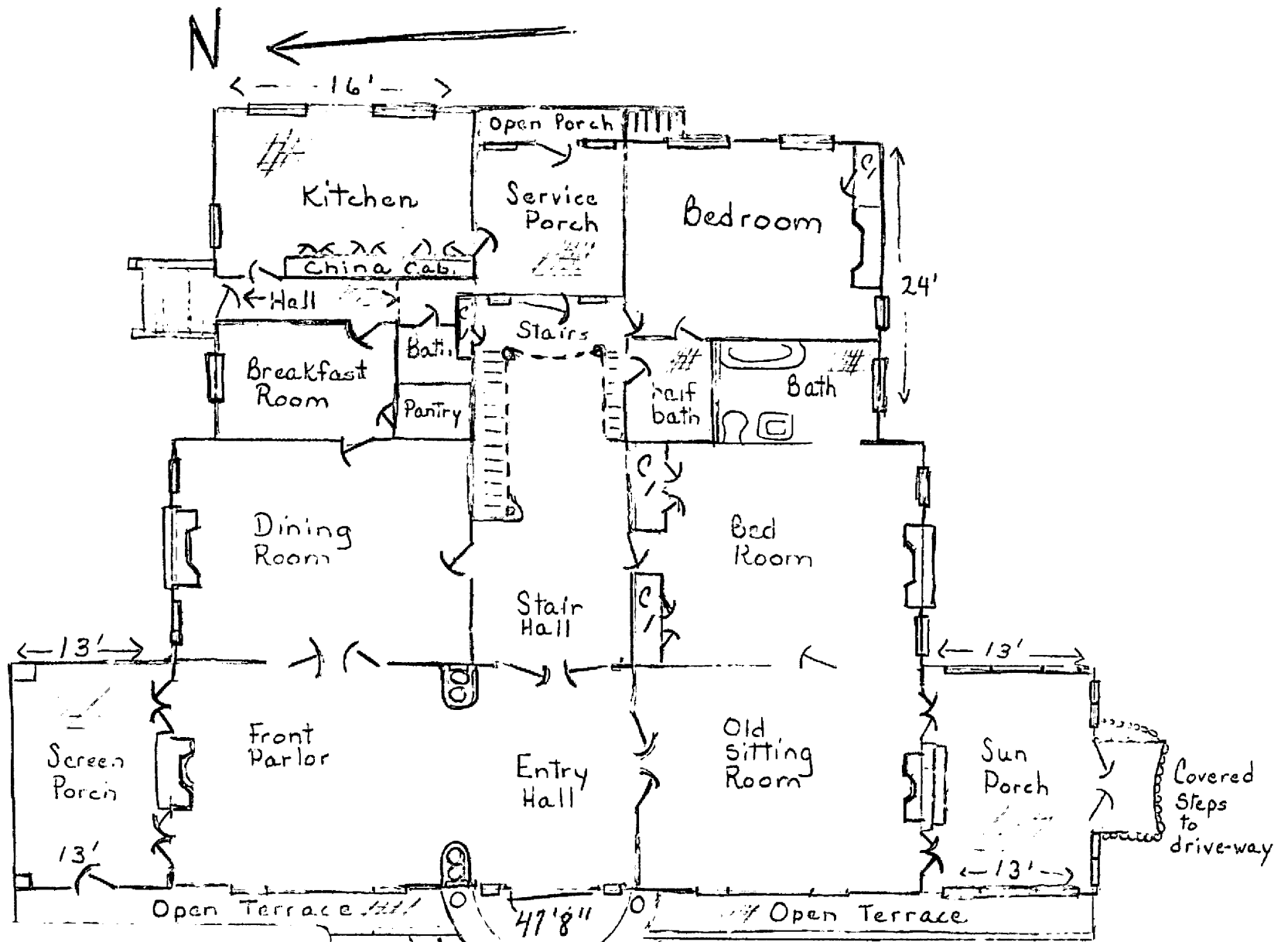
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BOUNDARY

The nominated property consists of the remaining portion of the original city lot still associated with the house. This coincides with Lot 43 outlined in black on Taylor County Property Identification Map RE-10.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in December, 1980 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

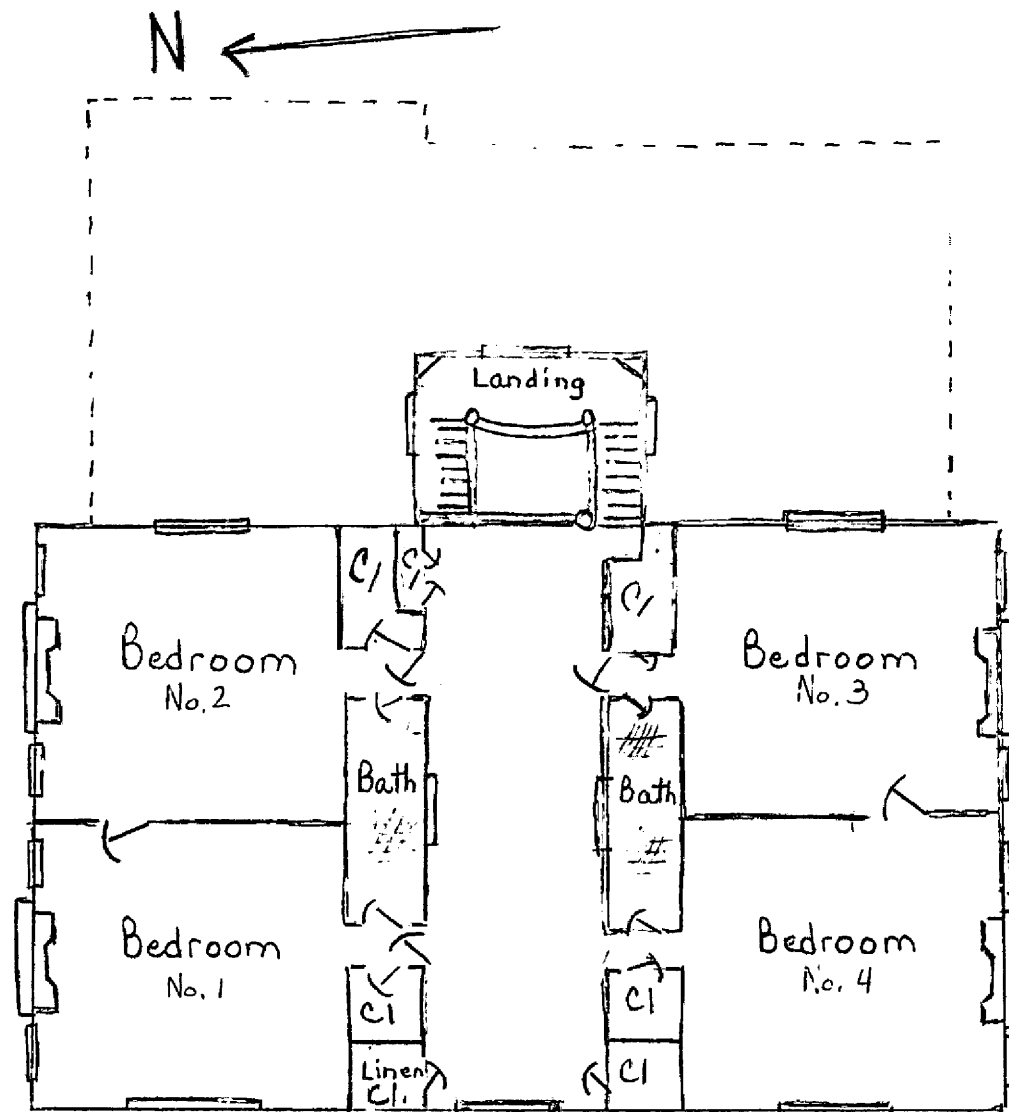


FERDINAND A. RICKS HOUSE  
 Reynolds, Taylor County, Georgia

Sketch Map - First Floor Plan  
 Scale: Unknown  
 Source: C. Jenkins, property owner  
 North: ←

o Columns  
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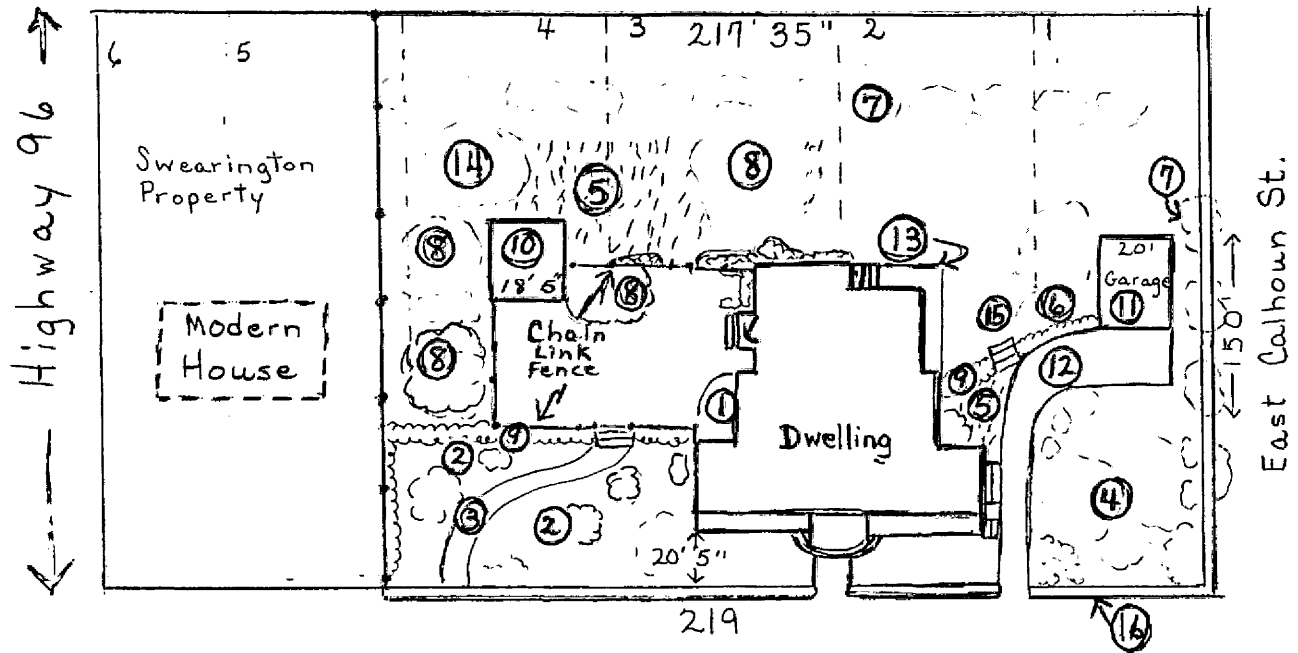
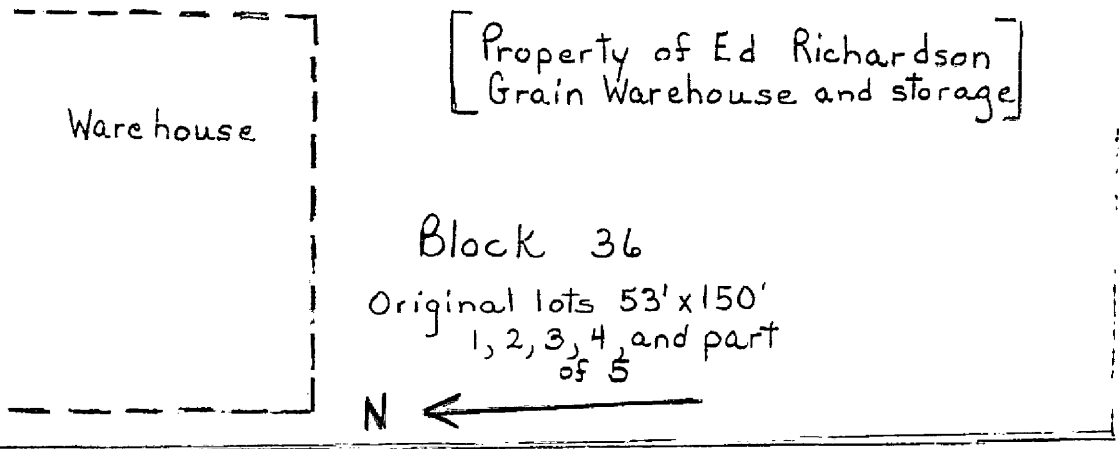
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 Reynolds, Taylor County, Georgia

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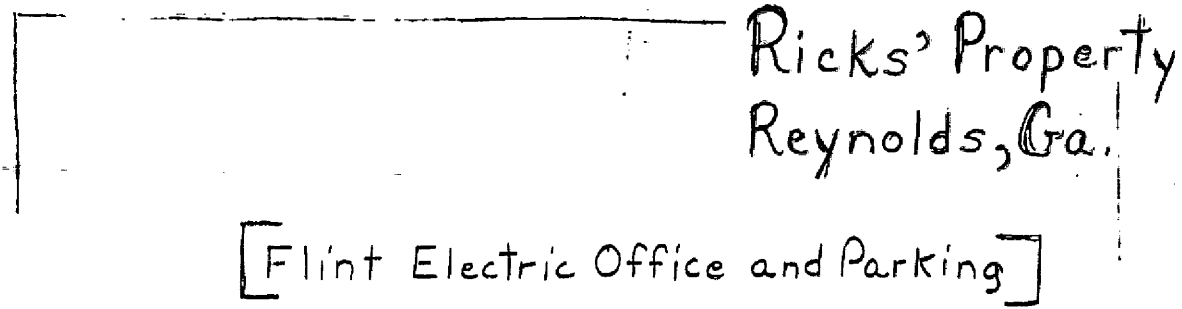


Legend

- ① original garden (flower)
- ② original garden (shrub)
- ③ original walk to back door
- ④ trees - magnolia, cedar, ginkgo
- ⑤ bulb beds
- ⑥ original flower beds
- ⑦ wind break (elms)
- ⑧ pecan trees
- ⑨ hedges (with marble steps)
- ⑩ smoke house
- ⑪ garage
- ⑫ paved drive way
- ⑬ paved walk to boiler room
- ⑭ fig tree
- ⑮ old well (concreted over)
- ⑯ stone coping

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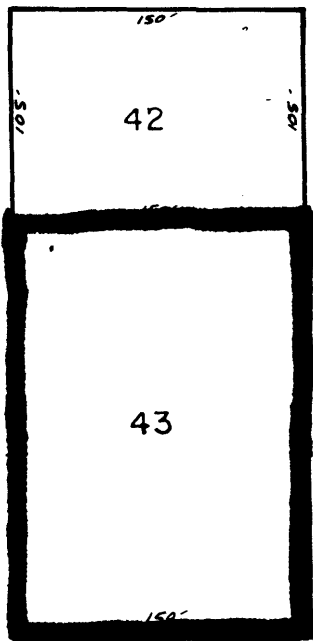
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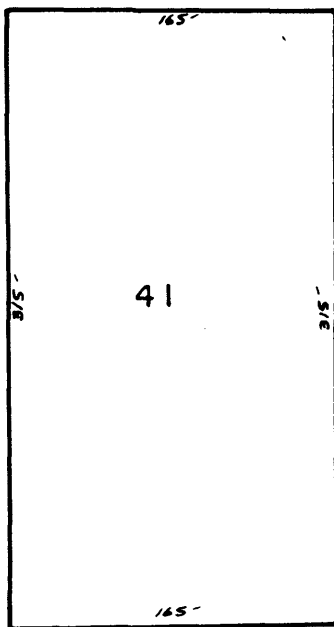
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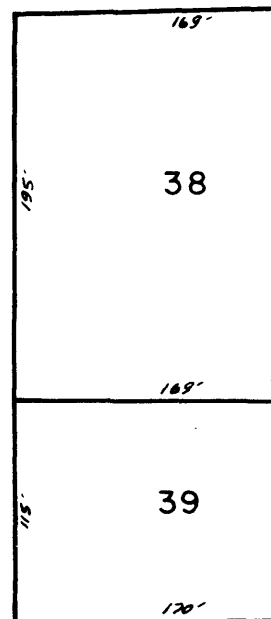
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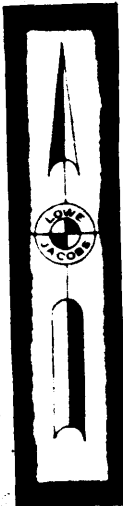


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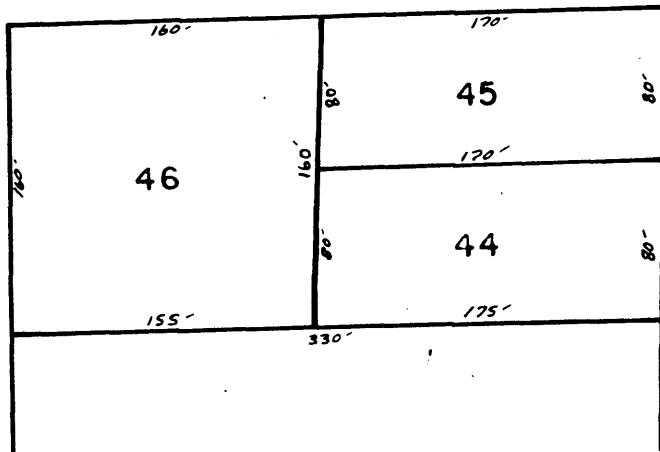


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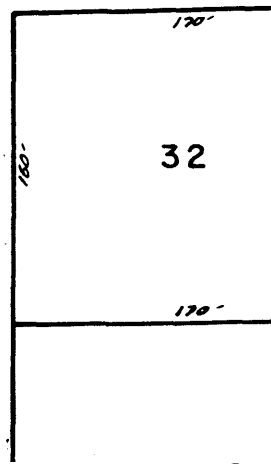
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Reynolds, Taylor County, Georgia

Property/Sketch Map  
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Map RE- 10

Scale: 1" = 100'  
Date: 12-31-66  
North: ↑  
Boundary: —

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