

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block

and or common same

2. Location

street & number U.S. Highway 129

N/A— not for publication

city, town Watkinsville

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Oconee

code 219

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 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 H. Mell Wells

street & number 234 Mountain Laurel Drive

city, town Watkinsville

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Oconee County Courthouse

city, town Watkinsville

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None (see continuation sheet) has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block, constructed around 1906, is a two-story, brick, commercial building with flat roof, corbeled brick cornice, several brick chimneys and windows with lintels. The main facade has cast-iron storefront windows with decorative pilasters and several entrances on the first level and eight four-over-four windows on the second level. The north-east corner of the first level of the building has a recessed entrance behind a mitered corner with a single column. The entrance has its original tile flooring and marble doorstep. The south facade has a corbeled brick cornice and five windows with lintels on the second level, a stepped brick stringcourse, a door and two windows. The interior of the building consists of three sections corresponding to the three commercial establishments. Most of the first floor interior has been replaced with the exception of the windows, doors, and original wood stairway leading to the second floor. The second floor retains its original wood floors, ceiling, doors, mantels, and plaster walls.

The Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block is adjacent to the northern edge of the South Main Street Historic District. However, between the district and this building are a 1930s county courthouse and several nonhistoric commercial buildings. Across Main Street is the antebellum Eagle Tavern, already listed in the National Register. Attached to the north side of the building is a nonhistoric commercial structure. Further to the north is a mixture of historic and nonhistoric residential and commercial buildings.

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Representation in Existing Surveys

The Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block received a Preliminary Determination of individual listing from the National Register Program division of the Southeast Regional National Park Service Office on May 10, 1985.

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
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Significance

The Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block is significant in the area of architecture and commerce.

In terms of architecture, the building is significant primarily for its exterior which represents a good example of early 20th-century vernacular commercial architecture in small towns in Georgia. Its architectural features associated with the simple commercial style are the brick construction, corbeled cornice, cast-iron storefront windows, and flat roof. An unusual feature is the mitered corner entrance. The Farmers and Supply Company Block is one of the few remaining historic vernacular commercial buildings in Watkinsville, and as such it meets National Register Criteria C.

The property is important in the area of commerce for its association with the Farmers and Citizens Supply Company that was created in 1906 for a wholesale and retail dry goods, grocery, and general supply business. The two-story brick building housed the Farmers Supply Company, Dr. W.C. Hodges Office and Drugstore, and the Farmers and Citizens Bank. After 1908 the building served additional commercial purposes including a barber shop, a mortuary, skating rink, and restaurant. The Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block has been significant in the early 20th century commercial development of Watkinsville as the site of exchange of goods and services for the community and surrounding county residents. It was one of the largest such enterprises in Watkinsville and the building is the largest intact historic commercial structure in town. Because of its association with events that have made a contribution to the broad patterns of Watkinsville's commercial history, the property meets National Register Criteria A.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources

- 1 Contributing building

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hudson, Karen E. "Farmers and Citizens Supply Company Block - Historic Property Information Form", 1985. (On file at Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Watkinsville, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	7	2	7	7	0	0	0	3	7	4	9	4	2	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

E

Zone			Easting					Northing						

F

Zone			Easting					Northing						

G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property coincides with the current legal description of the property, shown as Parcels 25-26-27 on the enclosed Oconee County tax map W-5. The property measures 84' by 20' at the northwest corner of Main and 3rd Streets.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Andrea Niles, Survey and Research Specialist

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date May 18, 1987

street & number 205 Butler Street S.E. telephone 404-656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia

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 5/20/87

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

Amy Schaefer

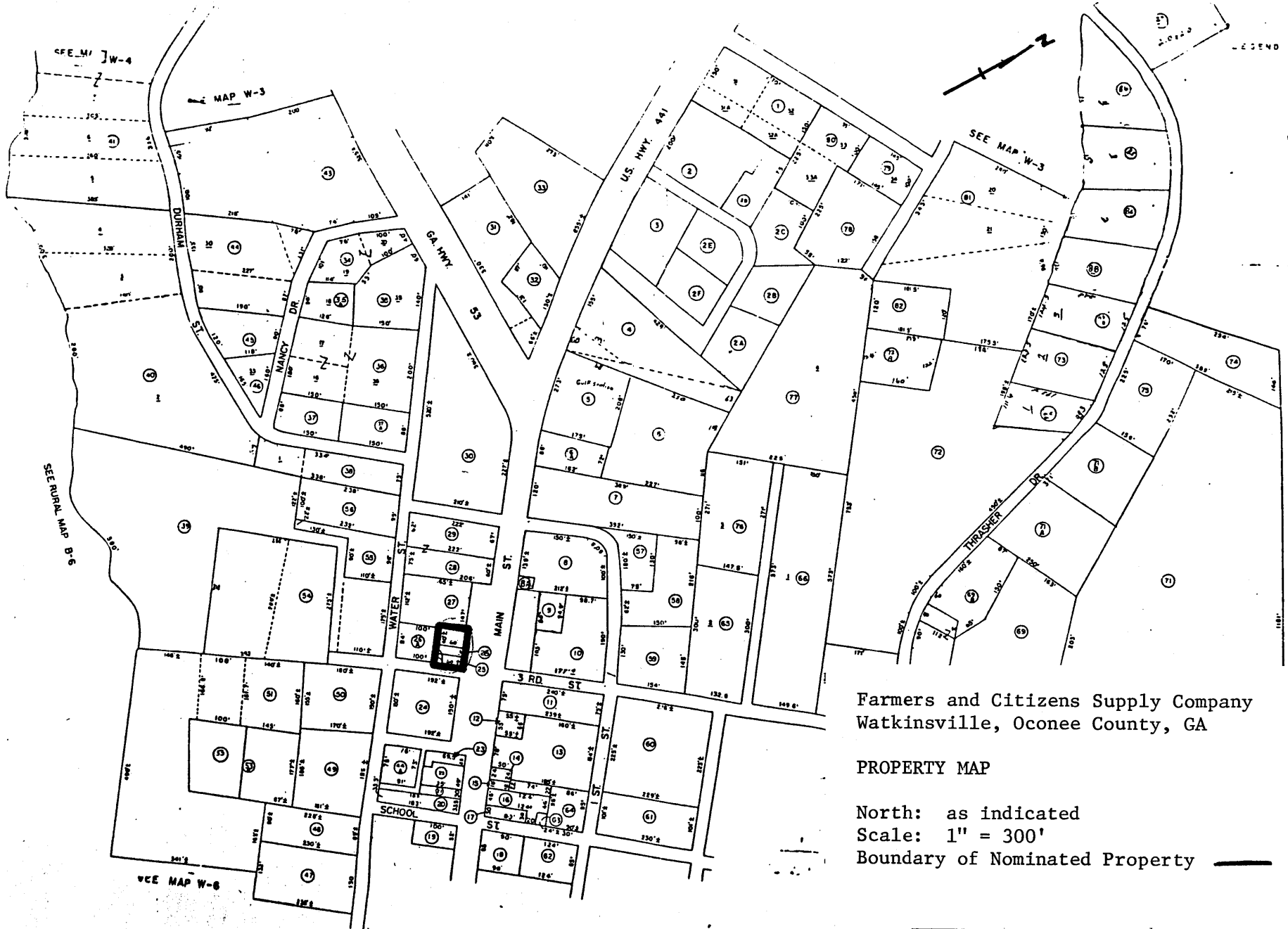
date 7/2/87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Farmers and Citizens Supply Company
 Watkinsville, Oconee County, GA

PROPERTY MAP

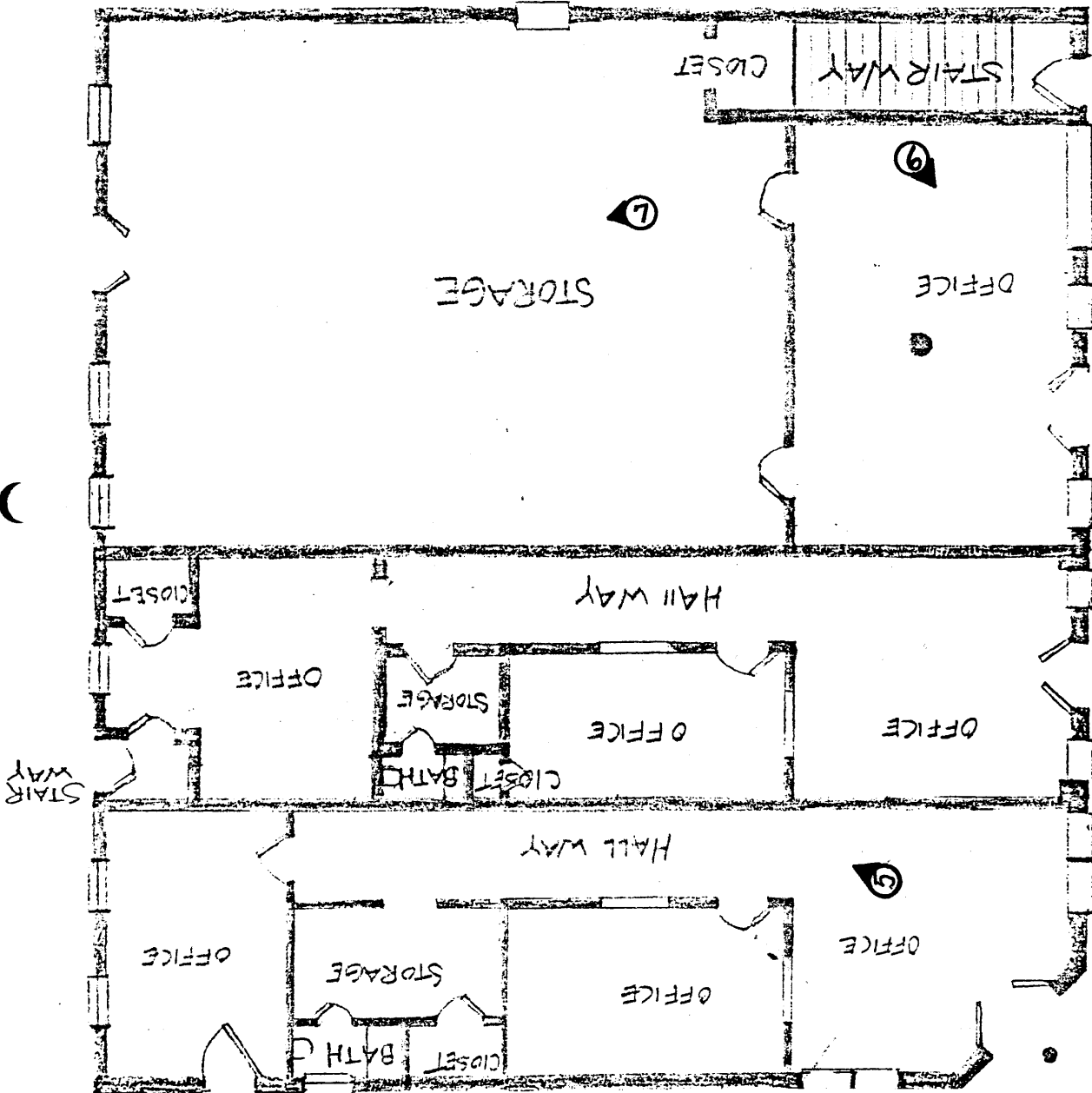
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Scale: 1" = 300'

Boundary of Nominated Property

REVISIONS		MENNINGSON, DURHAM & RICHARDSON 708 SOUTH COLLEGE ST. ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS • PLANNING & CONSULTANTS • SURVEYORS • C.E.	1" = 100' SCALE
NO.	DATE		

TAX MAP: OCONEE COUNTY W-5
 PARCEL: 25, 26, 27



FARMERS AND CITIZENS SUPPLY COMPANY BLOCK

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

DRAWN BY: KAREN E. HUDSON 1-15-85

Farmers and Citizens Supply Company
 Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

Interior plan: first floor

Direction of photograph: ⑤

No scale

North: ↗

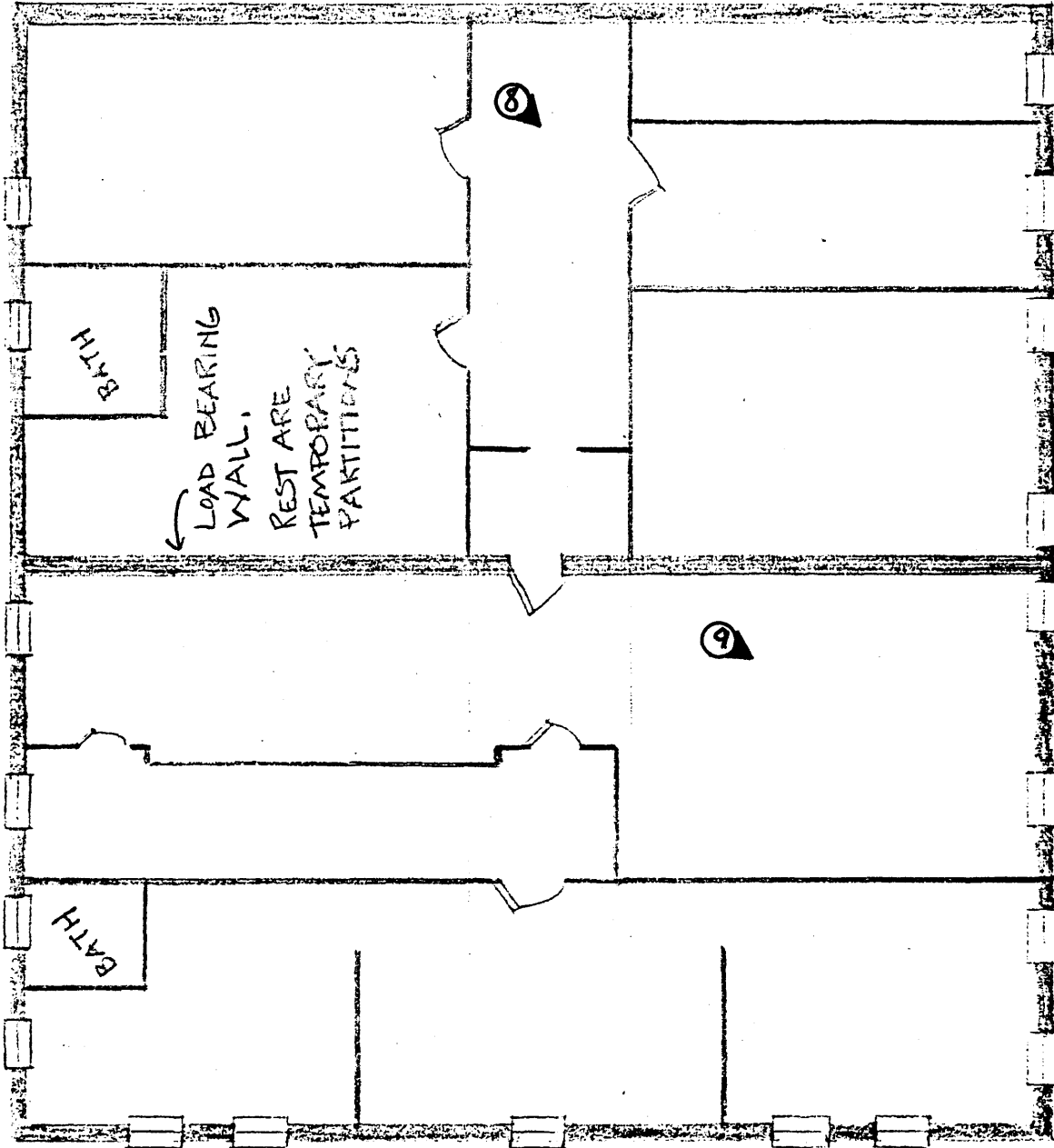
Farmers and Citizens Supply Company
Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia

Interior plan: second floor

Direction of photograph: ⑧

No scale

North: ↗



FARMERS AND CITIZENS SUPPLY COMPANY BLOCK

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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