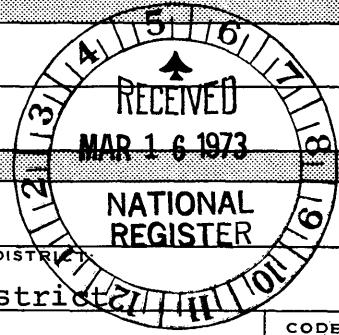


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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STATE: Florida
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1. NAME
 COMMON: United States Arsenal - Officers Quarters
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Vernon Arsenal or Chattahoochee Arsenal

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Florida State Hospital - U.S. Highway 90
 CITY OR TOWN: Chattahoochee CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second District
 STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Gadsden CODE: 039

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Florida State Hospital</u> |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: State of Florida - Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund
 STREET AND NUMBER: Elliott Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Gadsden County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Quincy STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: State Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1940 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of Archives, History, and Records Management
 STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State, The Capitol
 CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

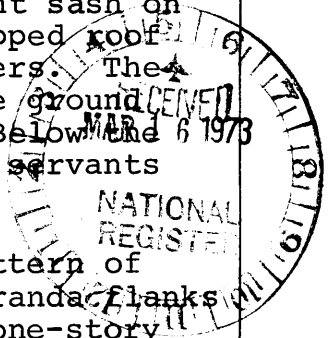
In a letter from Chattahoochee dated December 5, 1835, the writer mentions that the arsenal in that city is under construction. He says, "The brickwork of the main building is completed and the building will, when finished, give the place an interest and worth it could never otherwise possess".

The original buildings in the complex included officers quarters, barracks, magazines, business offices, and a barn, all of brick. All but the magazines were enclosed by a wall twelve feet high and thirty inches thick. The arsenal proper formed a quadrangle of four acres at its exterior walls. Nine of the original thirteen buildings were erected to face the quadrangle formed in part by the back walls. (See attached diagram)

The present administration offices for the Florida State Hospital are housed in the original officer's barracks. Rather elegant in appearance, the two-story structure has a central section of brick with the end rooms on both stories having been stuccoed over. There are one-story wings on either end of the buildings which are of frame construction. Decorative details are focused on the central section of the building and take the form of arching brackets springing from square posts and an elaborately carved balustrade. These Victorian details were probably added in the late 1880's although this has not been documented. The entire wall surface of the east elevation is divided into fourteen equal sections. This has been accomplished through the grouping of windows with pilasters between the groups and the placement of the porch posts, all at regular intervals. This geometric division of the wall surface gives a feeling of solidity to the building. The main entrance is a small late Georgian doorway with a cornice on brackets and a transom above the panelled door. Windows are six light sash on the central section and four light sash on the wings. One dormer window projects from the hipped roof which has a brick chimney at each of its four corners. The foundation of the house is high, sitting well above ground level and latticed between its supporting piers. Below ground is a large basement area used originally as servants quarters and having numerous fireplaces.

The rear of the building repeats the basic pattern of the front, but in reverse order. The two-story veranda flanks the tiny central section of the building which is one-story in height. The central projecting gable is supported by four Doric columns with a plain architrave above. Balustrade and arching brackets match those on the front and stone quoins have been added to the brickwork.

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Construction of the arsenal in what was at that time, a wilderness, was quite a feat. When suitable building stone could not be found along the banks of the Apalachicola River, it was decided that bricks would be made on the site. Benjamin Chaires was contracted for this purpose and the bricks were made from alluvial clay heavily tempered with sand. English artisans were imported to do the bricklaying. Early in 1835, granite arrived from Maine for the sills, caps and coping. The arsenal was finally completed in 1839 having been five years in the building.



3. SIGNIFICANCE

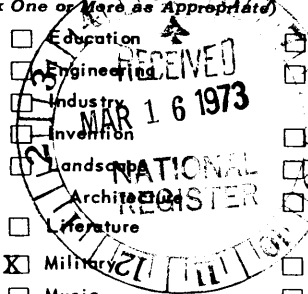
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first existing reference to an arsenal at Chattahoochee was in the form of a resolution offered to the Legislative Council of the Territory on January 31, 1832. Joseph M. White, the Territorial Delegate in Congress secured inclusion of an item "For an arsenal in Florida, twenty thousand dollars," in the "Appropriations for the support of the Army for 1832." This was approved April 5, 1832. Selection of the site for the arsenal was made by Pvt. Second Lt. John Hills. The land which he selected was then in the public domain and was reserved for the arsenal by presidential order. Since there were no available building materials and a lack of skilled workmen nearby, it would seem that the only significant advantage of the site was available transportation on the river.

Construction of the arsenal proceeded slowly due to unreliable labor and building materials not delivered on schedule. It was finally completed in 1839, with the project having cost a total of \$226,932.50.

At the beginning of the Civil War, the arsenal was used for mustering the Confederate troops into service. In the Spring of 1862, the Sixth Florida Infantry was organized here. At the close of the war the request was made and granted that the arsenal be used as a State Penitentiary. The condition of the arsenal in 1869 was described by the Commander of the Penitentiary as follows: "During the war it was occupied by the Confederate Army and fell into bad repair, and met with little better treatment in United States hands."

In 1876, the buildings were taken over by the Florida State Hospital for use as a mental institution. The Florida State Hospital is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the United States. Many improvements and additions have been made to the complex since it became a hospital.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

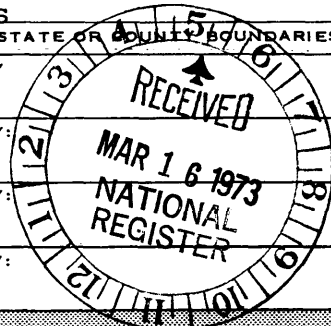
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgt. DATE: 8/18/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Robert William
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: May 10, 1973

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

Robert W. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/27/73

ATTEST:
W. M. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6 19 73

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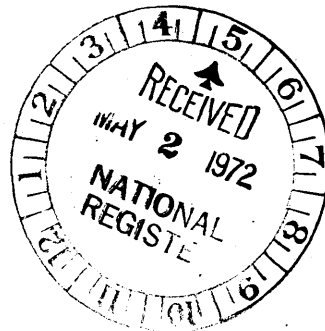
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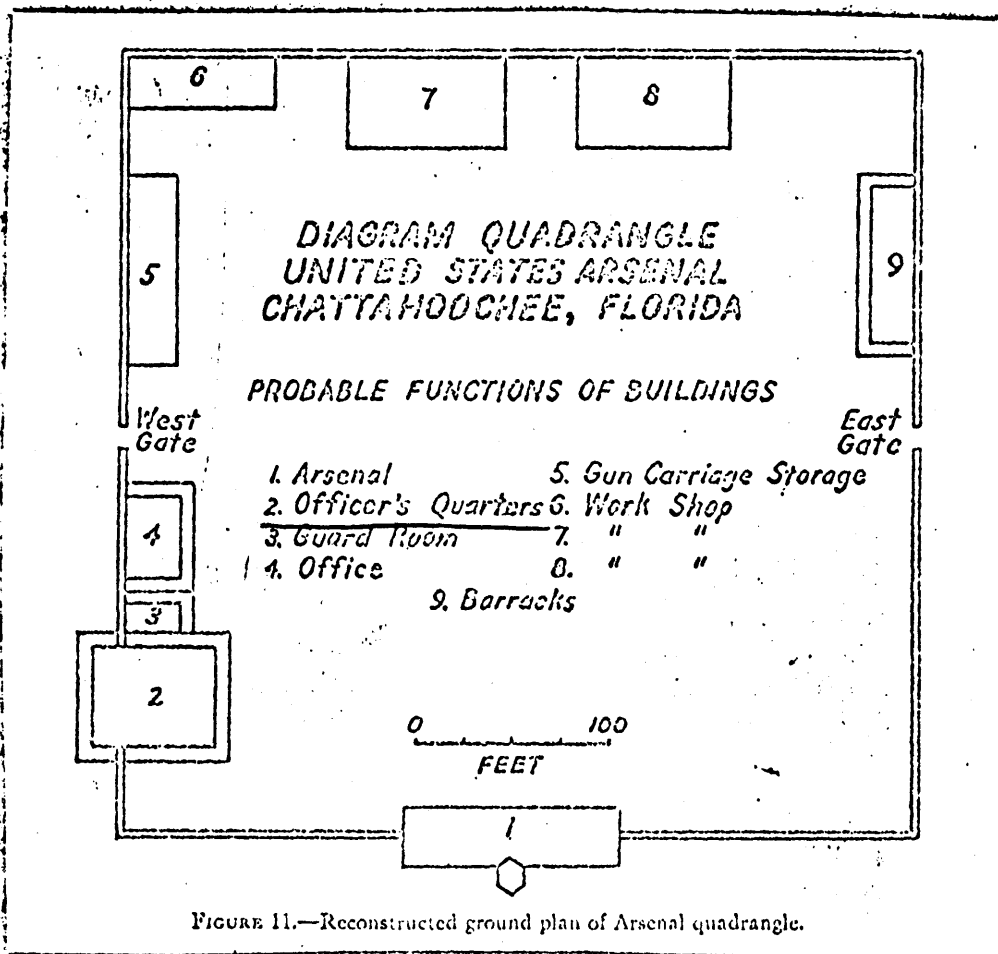
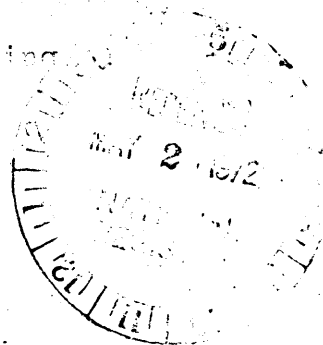


FIGURE 11.—Reconstructed ground plan of Arsenal quadrangle.

This nomination has reference to Building # 2 only.



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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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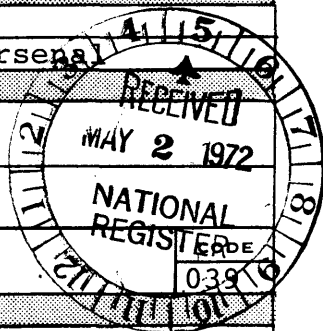
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2. LOCATION

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CITY OR TOWN:
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3. MAP REFERENCE

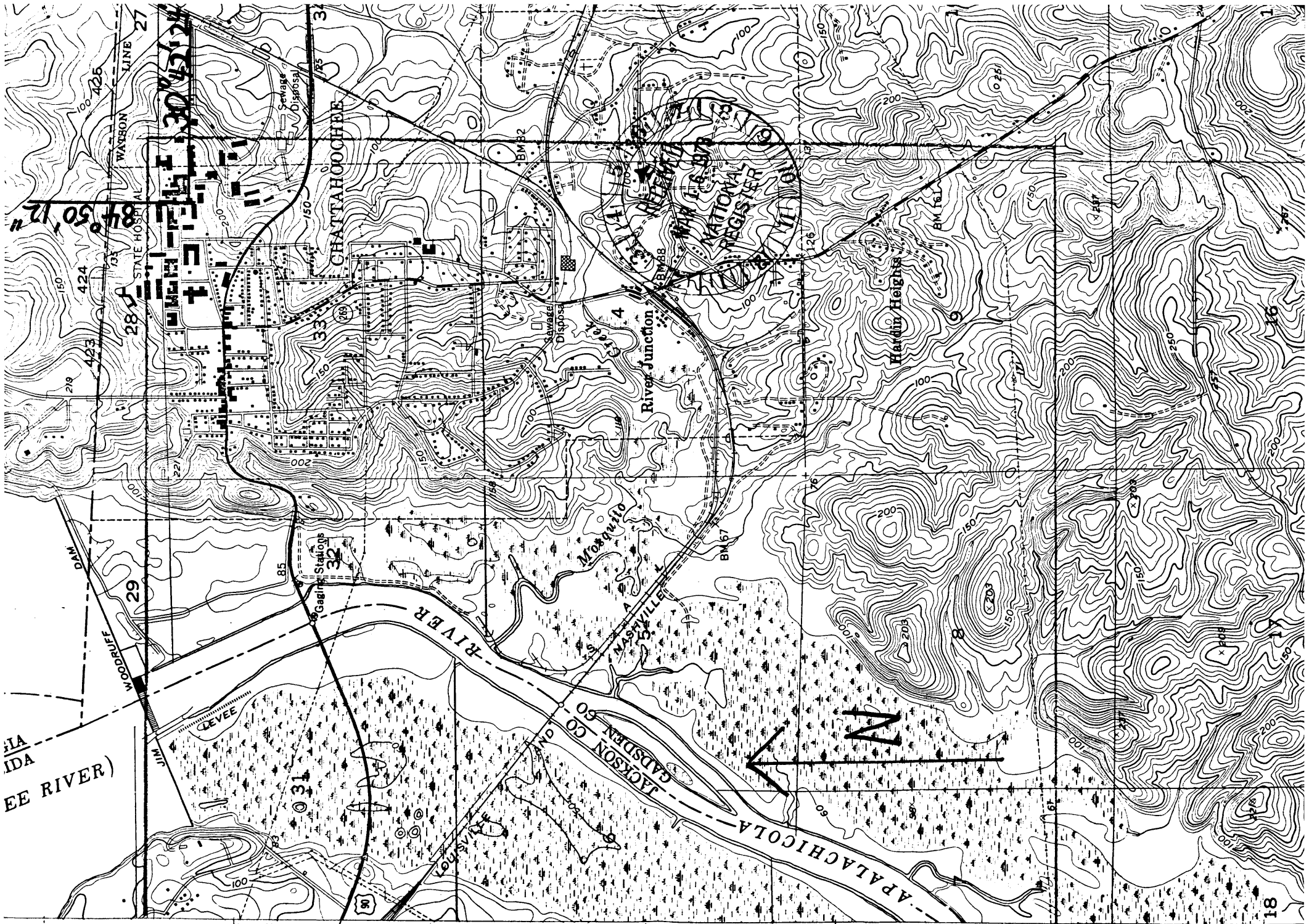
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U.S.G.S Chattahoochee Quadrangle, Gadsden County

SCALE: 1:24,000; 7.5 minute

DATE: 1955

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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