

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Flint River Place

and/or common Jordan Mansion

**2. Location**

street & number 1997 Jordan Road      not for publication

city, town Huntsville vic. X vicinity of congressional district 5

state Alabama code 01 county Madison code 089

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name H. T. and Diane R. Busbin

street & number 1997 Jordan Road

city, town Huntsville      vicinity of state Alabama

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tract book, page 149, Probate Officer

street & number Madison County Courthouse

city, town Huntsville state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?      yes X no

date 1970-present      federal X state      county      local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Jordan-Busbin House is a two story frame structure with gable roof, and gable end brick chimneys that are stepped back from the eave line. A mortise-and-tenon framing system of 4"x4", and 4"x6" members rest on a 12"x14" sill, on a 34" high brick foundation. The house is approximately 48' across and 36' deep, and is 3 bays across the front with a central door. It is sheathed in poplar siding, with a composition roof. The original roofing was slate over wooden shingles. The original structure was probably L-shaped, with a one-story shed infilling the "L" to make a rectangular first floor plan that was either an early addition, or may be original to the structure.

The main entrance has a six-panel Georgian door with two side lights and fan light transom. The dining room door is in the Greek Revival Style with two light panels. The rear door has four panels. Windows are the original 6-over-9 double hung sashes, except in the second floor SE bedroom which are 2-over-2 vertical pane sash.

Interior doors are either walnut two-panels, or poplar four-panels. Walls are generally plaster, however, the SE second floor bedroom has beaver board walls, and one wall of the first floor dining room has 1"x6" tongue-and-groove pine, covered with felt and wallpaper. Parlor walls have sheet rock over plaster.

Original 1"x6" yellow poplar tongue-and-groove flooring is left exposed in the den, foyer, and all upstairs bedrooms, except the SE bedroom. Other rooms have 1"x6" oak hardwood floors. The stairway has later Victorian newel post and balusters, with a curved railing. Woodwork is generally simple flat boards and trim pieces. Mantels, in a plain Federal Style, are built up of flat boards with wood pegs.

The house was enlarged in the 1930's by the addition of an upstairs SE bedroom, bathrooms, and two one-story porches. The house was remodeled in 1978 by enlarging the second floor bath, replacing the front porch, and adding sheet rock.

The house sits on 10 acres in a rural area, with most of its original landscaping intact. Outbuildings include: a one-story brick smokehouse (ca. 1833) with gable roof; a wood frame barn with vertical siding and a tin roof, gabled with a shed addition; and two small wood frame tenant houses (ca. 1900) with vertical board and batten siding and shed roofs.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** late 1840s

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

ARCHITECTURE:

Flint River Place is a good example of the early Greek Revival period in Madison County, and one of only about a dozen surviving examples of early frame houses in the County. Although elements of the previous Federal period, including the three-bay plan and the gable-ended chimney, are present, the trim is of a larger scale. This characteristic is most noticeable in the trim around the windows. The fireplace mantels are also on a heavier, simpler design, typical of the 1840's.<sup>1</sup>

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Flint River Place was built between 1844 and 1850 by Daniel B. Friend.<sup>2</sup>

Born in Kentucky in 1802, Friend came to Madison County, Alabama around 1826, when he married Maria Buchanan Bentley, daughter of Efford Bentley, a Revolutionary War veteran.<sup>3</sup>

Friend was a planter, who also engaged in the cotton freighting business, under the name of Friend, Johnson and Company.<sup>4</sup> Land records also indicate that he speculated in real estate.

Friend's wife, Maria, was seventh in descent from Pocahontas, and had a brother, Henry H. Bentley, who was killed at the Alamo.<sup>5</sup>

Friend sold Flint River Place in 1850 to LeRoy H. Jones, a moderately well-to-do farmer.<sup>6</sup> Jones resided there until 1858, when the property was sold to Samuel O. Nuckles.<sup>7</sup> Nuckles, born in Virginia, was among the wealthiest planters in the area before the Civil War, having assets of \$90,000.<sup>8</sup>

1. Interview with Harvie P. Jones, AIA, restoration architect, April, 1981.
2. The property was valued at \$4,319 in 1843, and increased in value to \$9,000. The price Friend sold the property for in 1850 indicates that the house was built by Friend between 1844 and 1850. Probate Court, Record Book 12, p. 104, and Tax Assessment of Real Property for the year 1857, LeRoy H. Jones, Maysville #3, Deed Book X, pp. 576-77, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Alabama.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10

Quadrangle name Maysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary is described on the attached plat and includes the house and grounds

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barry Loveland and William Stubno

organization Alabama Historical Commission date October 6, 1981

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 832-6621

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

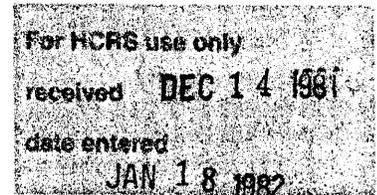
State Historic Preservation Officer signature Chico B. Howard Jr.

title SHPO Alabama date October 6, 1981

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register entered in the National Register date <u>1/18/82</u> Keeper of the National Register Attest: _____ date _____ Chief of Registration	_____ _____ _____
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3. Pauline Myra Jones and Kathleen Paul Jones, "Geneology of the Harris and Allied Families," Huntsville, Alabama, December 1929, p. 98 (typewritten); Marriage Book 3, p. 469, Probate Office, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Alabama; Census of 1850, Madison County, Alabama, typewritten copy by Pauline Jones Gandrud and Kathleen Paul Jones, Huntsville, Alabama, 1955, p. 1.
4. Circuit Court, Record Book 46, p. 45, Department of Old Records, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Alabama; Census of 1850, p. 1.
5. Wyndham Robertson, Pocahontas and Her Descendants (Richmond 1887; reprint ed., Baltimore: Geneological Publishing Company, 1968), p. 51; Jones and Jones "Geneology," p. 98.
6. Deed Book X, pp. 576-577; "Death of LeRo H. Jones," Huntsville Independent 4 March 1880, p. 3, Census of 1850, p. 195.
7. Deed Book BB, pp. 358-59, Probate Office, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Alabama.
8. Census of 1860, Madison County, Alabama (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, Roll 653, 1967), p. 293.

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Census of 1850, Census of 1860, Madison County

Deeds, Madison County Courthouse

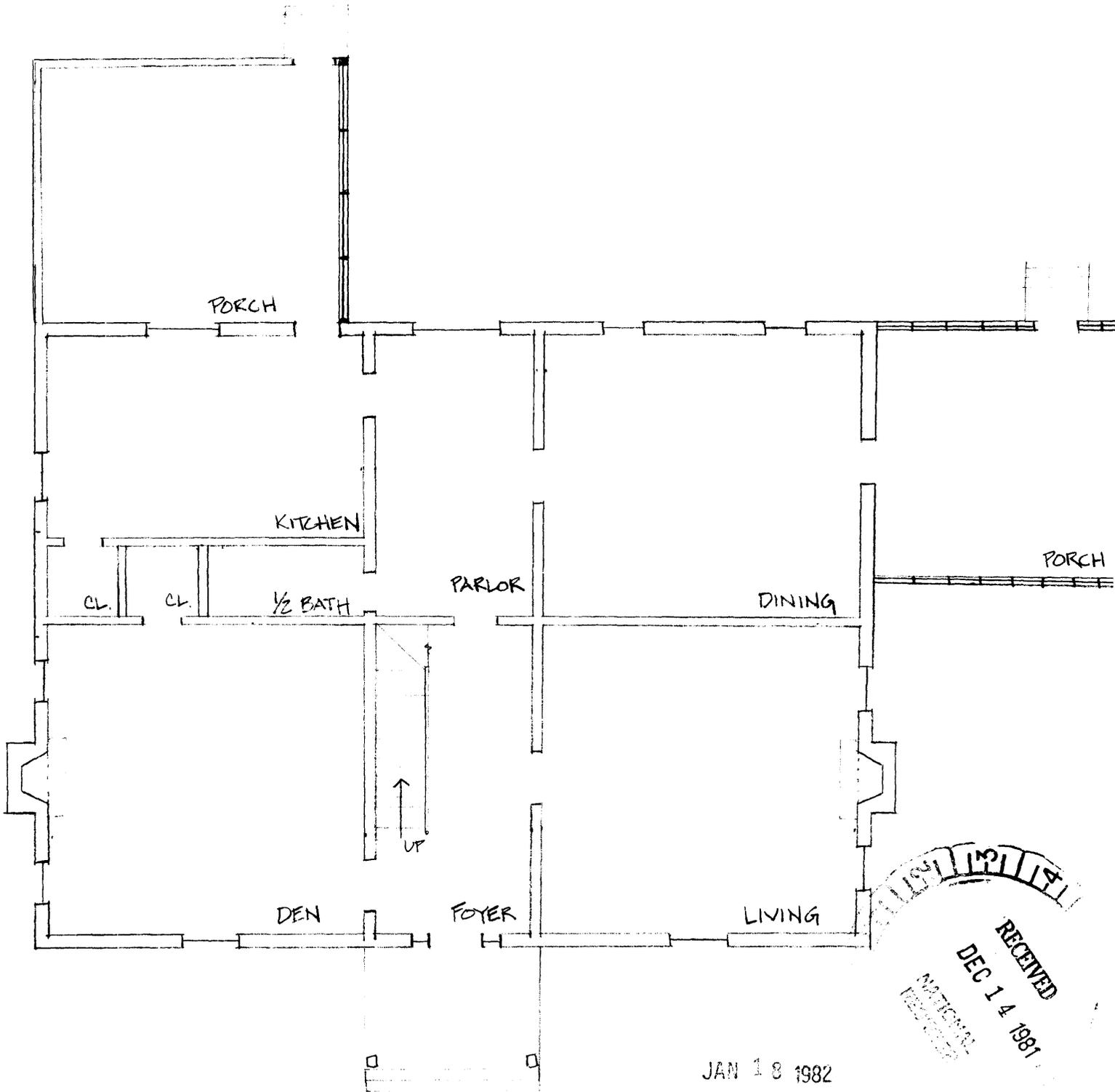
Huntsville Independent, March 4, 1880.

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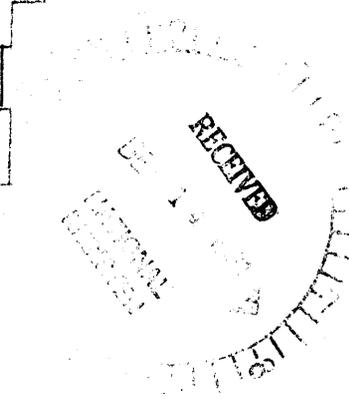
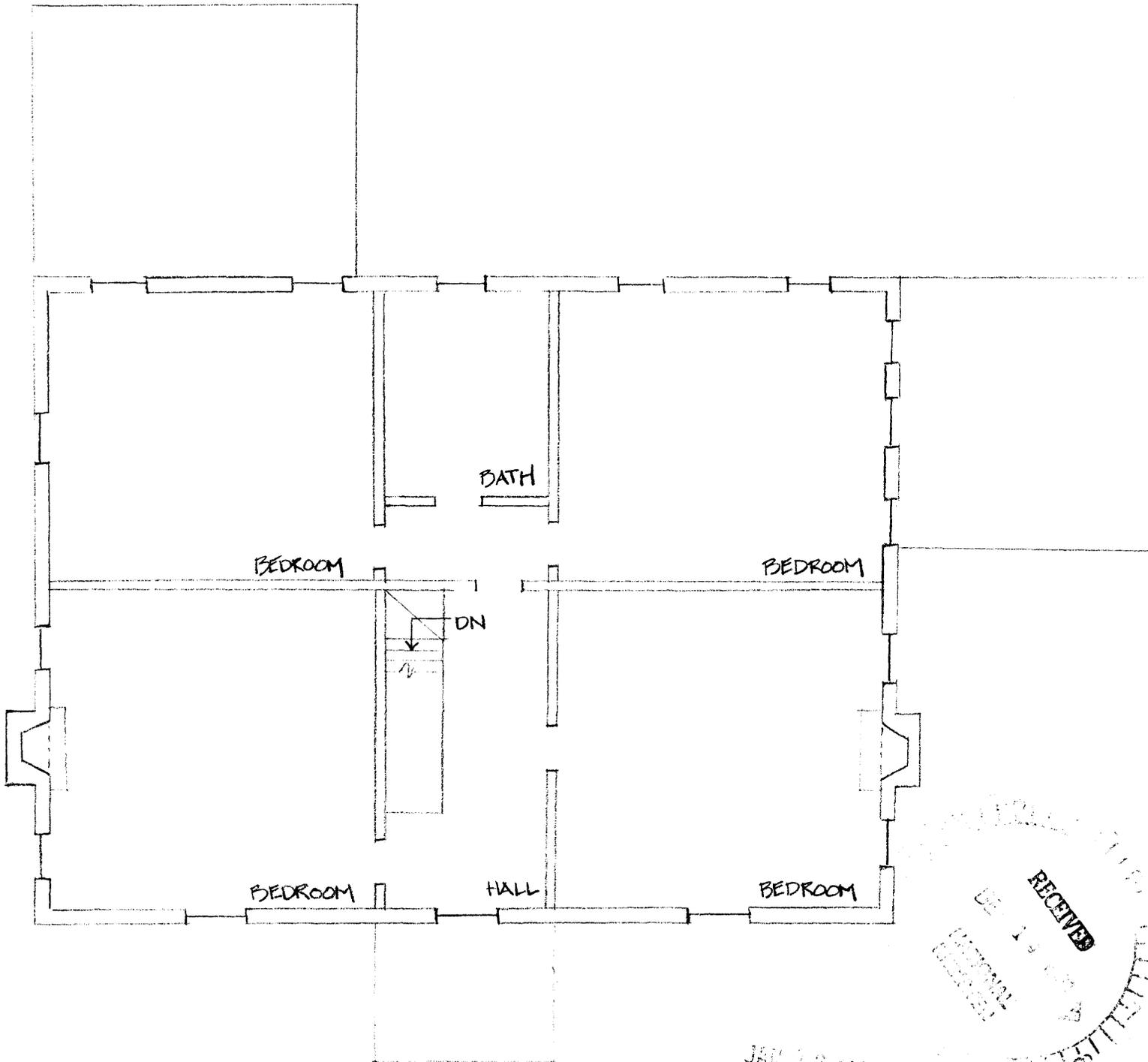
Marriage Record, Madison County Courthouse

Robertson, Wyndham. Pocahontas and Her Descendants. Richmond, 1887.

MOORE-JORDAN-BUSBIN HOUSE  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0" (APPROX.)



MOORE-JORDAN-BUSBY HOUSE  
SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0" (APPROX.)



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