

# 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 Glennwanis Hotel  
other names/site number N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 209-215 East Barnard Street (Georgia State Route 144)  
city, town Glennville ( ) vicinity of  
county Tattnall code GA 267  
state Georgia code GA zip code 30427

( ) not for publication

## 3. Classification

### Ownership of Property:

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

### Category of Property:

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

### Number of Resources within Property:

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

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.

Richard Clow  
Signature of certifying official

2-14-03  
Date

ex W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

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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

Elson H. Beall 4/11/03

determined eligible for the National Register

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determined not eligible for the National Register

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removed from the National Register

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other, explain:

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see continuation sheet

Ray

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of the National Register

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Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC: hotel

### Current Functions:

WORK IN PROGRESS

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

NO STYLE

### Materials:

foundation	BRICK
walls	BRICK
roof	ASPHALT
other	N/A

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Glennwanis Hotel is located on the southwest corner of East Barnard and Tillman streets on the eastern edge of downtown Glennville in southeastern Tattnall County. The hotel is located in an area of mixed historic and nonhistoric houses and freestanding commercial buildings.

Built in 1926, the Glennwanis Hotel is a two-story, brick, U-shaped building with the bottom of the "U" as the front façade (photographs 1-3). The gable-on-hip roof features wide eaves. The exterior brick is running bond with a stringcourse between the first and second floors. There are two interior chimneys and single and paired double-hung windows with various light configurations. The symmetrical nine-bay front façade features a three-part arched loggia, each section consisting of an arched open "window" on either side of an open entry (photographs 4-5). The three bays in the center of the loggia are enclosed rather than open with arched multi-light windows flanking a central recessed entrance that leads into the lobby.

The building is built to the lot lines with the front façade directly adjacent to the sidewalk (photographs 6-7). The landscaping consists of a few shrubs and grassed areas along the sidewalk. The courtyard at the rear of the building (inside the "U") once contained a patio, garden pond, lagoon, deck, and fountain. However, there are no remnants of the landscape features that once graced this outdoor space (photograph 8).

The interior of the hotel retains its historic floor plan and finishes. The first floor plan features a lobby space in the center (the bottom of the "U") with a double-loaded corridor of various sized rooms in either wing. The main staircase is located in the right (west) wing, and a secondary

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**Section 7--Description**

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staircase is located in the left (east) wing. The second floor plan features a double-loaded corridor with various sized rooms. The lobby retains its historic finishes including exposed wood beams and columns, moldings, door and window surrounds, pine floors, and fireplace with a simple wood mantel shelf (photographs 10-12). Throughout the interior, the hotel retains its historic wainscoting, French and paneled wood doors with transoms, moldings, window and door surrounds, and plaster walls and ceilings (photographs 14-19). The main and secondary staircases feature simple square newel posts and balusters (photographs 13 and 16).

Nonhistoric changes to the hotel include converting guest rooms into efficiency apartments and the addition of carpet over the pine floors in some areas.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**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  
COMMERCE  
SOCIAL HISTORY  
TRANSPORTATION

**Period of Significance:**

1926-1953

**Significant Dates:**

1926—construction of the hotel

**Significant Person(s):**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation:**

N/A

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

Bacon and Rolls Contractors, Glennville, GA (builders)

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

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**Statement of significance (areas of significance)**

Located on the edge of downtown Glennville in Tattnall County, the Glennwanis Hotel is significant in the areas of architecture, commerce, social history and transportation as a good and intact example of a small town hotel built to cater to tourists and locals alike.

The Glennwanis Hotel was built in 1926 on the site of the former c.1905 Hughes Hotel, which burned in 1920. In July 1925, plans were underway to construct a new hotel for tourists traveling through Glennville to and from Florida along the soon-to-be-numbered U.S. Highway 25. The hotel was built by the Glennville Hotel Company at the urging of the local Kiwanis Club, hence its name—a combination of Glennville and Kiwanis. The hotel was constructed by the local Glennville firm of Bacon and Rolls and originally featured 40 rooms and all the modern conveniences of the day including electric lights, steam heat, and hot and cold running water. The Glennwanis Hotel operated as a hotel from 1926 through 1981. Although originally designed for tourists from the 1940s on, it served a local clientele as well with the addition of a dining room and meeting spaces. It was later converted into efficiency apartments, offices, and a flea market. It is now owned by the city of Glennville, which has plans to rehabilitate the building for community use.

The hotel is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of a locally built and owned small town hotel. The hotel retains its historic exterior and interior character-defining features including its U-shaped plan, arched loggia, lobby space, and interior finishes. Hotels like the Glennwanis are found in many smaller cities in Georgia. Most, like the Glennwanis, date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The hotels vary greatly in terms of overall form, architectural style, and construction materials. Some are relatively large (three to five stories) with high-style architectural design. Others are quite small (two stories) and architecturally quite plain. All exhibit common design characteristics, however, including: a central lobby, usually the most ornamented space in the building; a dining room and/or meeting room; relatively elaborate stairways; an arrangement of relatively small guest rooms on both sides of central corridors; and sometimes small integral stores with separate storefronts. The Glennwanis Hotel features many of the characteristics of these early 20<sup>th</sup>-century hotels in Georgia.

The Glennwanis Hotel is significant in the area of transportation as a good example of a small town hotel built during the 1920s to take advantage of the increased demand for lodging by tourists traveling through Georgia to Florida. The Glennwanis Hotel was one of two hotels in Glennville in 1933. The hotel's location, two blocks east of U.S. Highway 25 and 301, a major north-south route prior to the construction of I-95, provided convenient lodging for tourists. The Glennwanis Hotel belongs to a relatively small subset of small-town hotels in Georgia designed primarily for automobile travelers and tourists. The majority of these hotels were built to serve a mixed clientele including out-of-town businessmen, salesmen, and people attending to legal affairs along with local residents looking for places to dine or gather for social and civic events. The Glennwanis, like some other small hotels built in the 1920s, catered primarily to automobile travelers, although later it diversified to serve local dining and social needs.

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The hotel is significant in the areas of commerce and social history as a prominent local business and an important gathering spot for Glennville residents. The viability of a hotel in Glennville is evidenced by the construction of the Glennwanis Hotel on the same lot as the previous Hughes Hotel, which burned in 1920. As one of two hotels in the town, the Glennwanis was important to the local economy by drawing tourists into town from the highway. Also, the hotel's location on the edge of downtown made it a prominent gathering and meeting spot for Glennville's residents. A restaurant was added to the hotel in the mid-1940s. The Glennville Lions Club held their weekly lunch meetings at the hotel during the 1940s and 1950s and the hotel was used by other civic organizations and for social events such as town dances and parties.

**National Register Criteria**

The Glennwanis Hotel is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a good example of a small town hotel built for tourists and as an important local gathering place. The hotel is also eligible under Criterion C as a good, intact example of a small town hotel.

**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

**Period of significance (justification)**

The period of significance begins with the date of construction for the hotel, 1926, and ends with the end of the historic period, 1953, to reflect its continuous use as a small town hotel in Glennville.

**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The only building on the property is the hotel, which is contributing.

**Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)**

**NOTE: The following developmental history was prepared by Robin Nail, Preservation Planner, Heart of Georgia-Altamaha Regional Development Center. "Glennwanis Hotel." Historic Property Information Form, July 17, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

The Glennwanis Hotel was built in 1926 on the site of the former c.1905 Hughes Hotel, which burned c.1920 on Christmas Eve night. As early as July 1925, plans were underway to construct a new 60-room "tourist hotel" at a cost of approximately \$35,000. The hotel would be "equipped very modernly" for the tourists traveling through Glennville to and from Florida as well as those who came to the region for outdoor activities such as fishing.

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The local Kiwanis Club spearheaded constructing the new hotel, and by March 1926, the Glennville Hotel Company had organized. The first slate of directors elected reads like a "who's who" of Glennville in the 1920s. They included Dr. S.O. Edwards, president; S.J. Kicklighter, vice president; C.L. Cowart, secretary-treasurer, attorney; Dr. J.M. Hughes; C.W. Kicklighter, banker; Roy Nelson and J.B. Seckinger, retailers; and Arnie Strickland and Lint Jones, businessmen and financiers.

The original construction contract was awarded to the Simmons Company of Augusta, but the company requested to be relieved of the contract. As a result, the local Glennville firm of Bacon and Rolls got the job for a cost of \$31,500. By November 26, 1926, a news release reported that the hotel was nearly complete. It was described as having about 40 rooms, "each an outside room, and each is fitted with electric lights, steam heat, running hot and cold water, most of them with baths, and the most comfortable beds that can be bought."

The hotel company committee awarded \$5 in gold to Miss Roxanne Hughes for her winning hotel name suggestion, the Glennwanis Hotel. The name reflects a combination of the city's name and that of the Kiwanis Club, which had so strongly promoted the project.

Dr. and Mrs. J.M. Hughes first managed the Glennwanis Hotel. W.A. Abercrombie of Athens took over management on September 1, 1928, when Dr. Hughes returned to his medical practice full-time. Hotel management changed twice in 1929 with J.E. Cabler of Chipley, Florida, taking the reins in September, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Grady Trapnell, who were operating it in December. Sometime after that management shifted to Mr. and Mrs. Norton Lawrence, who ran it for several years until Mrs. Grady (Ola) Trapnell assumed the position in June 1942. In November, 1946, Mrs. E.J. Claxton and D.C. Harrison purchased the Glennwanis Hotel from the Glennville Hotel Company. Extensive remodeling of the hotel rooms began at this time, and the newly equipped dining room served three meals a day to the public. The dining room was a popular restaurant with visitors and locals alike. In the late 1940s, the Glennville Lions Club held its weekly lunch meetings there.

In February 1949, L.C. and Pauline McGinnis purchased the hotel, which at that time had 30 rooms and a dining room. Mae Luke next acquired the hotel in 1956. Ola Campion became the owner for a brief time in the fall of 1962 before selling it to John M. Smith in 1963. Smith sold the property to Zelma Keels in April 1980, who transferred it in January 1981 to the Reverend and Mrs. Carl Milton. Mrs. Milton had her Advance Realty office in the hotel, and the Glennville Sentinel newspaper was published there for a short time. Gene and Gloria Anderson bought the hotel from them in 1988. Stan Ragsdale became the next owner in 1992. In 1994, one business, Assets Unlimited, was located in the building along with 10 efficiency apartments rented on a weekly basis. In the interim, the Glennwanis was used for various commercial purposes, including as a flea market. The City of Glennville purchased the Glennwanis Hotel in 2001 at a cost of \$70,000 with plans to rehabilitate the structure for multi-purpose community use.

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Nail, Robin. "Glennwanis Hotel." Historic Property Information Form, July 17, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Oliver, Clinton. "A Backward Glance at the Glennwanis." Glennville (GA) Sentinel, June 2001, p. 1, 14.

Waters, Pam. "Glennwanis Hotel on Site of Former Hughes Hotel." Glennville (GA) Sentinel, September 29, 1944, p. 23.

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

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested**
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued**  
**date issued:**
- 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 #**

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office**
- Other State Agency**
- Federal agency**
- Local government**
- University**
- Other, Specify Repository:**

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A**

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## **10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property**      Less than one acre.

### **UTM References**

A)    Zone 17      Easting 412455      Northing 3533421

### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The National Register boundary is indicated on the attached plat map drawn to scale with a heavy, black line.

### **Boundary Justification**

The National Register boundary includes the property historically associated with the hotel, including the right-of-way. The boundary follows the legal property lines on the west and south and includes the narrow landscaped strip, sidewalks, and curbs to the east and north.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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- ( ) **property owner**  
( ) **consultant**  
(X) **regional development center preservation planner**  
( ) **other:**

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**organization (if applicable)** City of Glennville  
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**city or town** Glennville **state** Georgia **zip code** 30427  
**e-mail (optional)** N/A

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Photographs

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**Name of Property:** Glennwanis Hotel  
**City or Vicinity:** Glennville  
**County:** Tattnall  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** January 2001

**Description of Photograph(s):**

Number of photographs: 19

1. Front (north) façade; photographer facing southwest.
2. Front and east facades; photographer facing southwest.
3. Front and west facades; photographer facing southeast.
4. Detail, front façade; photographer facing southeast.
5. Detail, east façade; photographer facing northwest.
6. East and rear (south) facades; photographer facing northwest.
7. West and rear facades; photographer facing northeast.
8. Detail, rear façade; photographer facing north.
9. View of setting; photographer facing northeast.
10. Interior, front entrance and lobby area; photographer facing northeast.
11. Interior, view of lobby; photographer facing west.
12. Interior, detail of lobby; photographer facing east.
13. Interior, view of main staircase; photographer facing southwest.
14. Interior, view of hall; photographer facing south.
15. Interior, detail of first floor room; photographer facing northeast.

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**Photographs**

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16. Interior, second floor, view of hall; photographer facing southwest.
17. Interior, second floor, detail of representative room; photographer facing southwest.
18. Interior, second floor, detail of representative room; photographer facing northeast.
19. Interior, second floor, detail of representative kitchen; photographer facing north.

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**GLENNWANIS HOTEL  
TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

PHOTOGRAPH/DIRECTION OF VIEW:   
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE  
NORTH:   
SOURCE: ROBIN NAIL

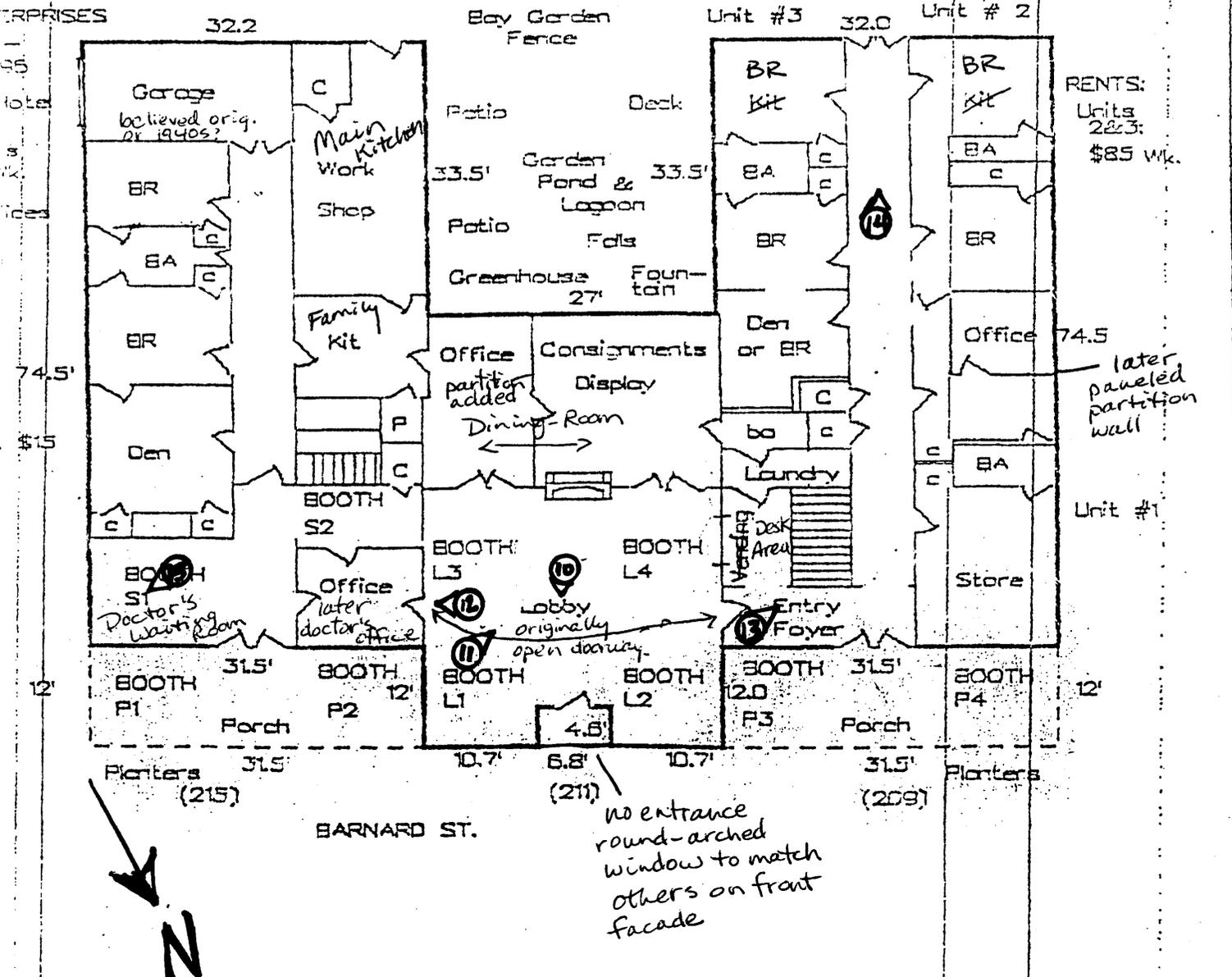
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**SKETCH/AREA TABLE ADDENDUM**

File No. First Level

211-215 E. Barnard Street			
State	GA	County	Tattnall
Zip Code	30427		
Sales Enterprises			
GLENNWANIS HOTEL			



RENTS:  
Units  
223:  
\$85 Wk.

SCALE: 1 inch = 18 feet

