

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**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 Thomas P. Arnold House

and or common

**2. Location**

street & number 518 South Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Palmetto

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Fulton

code 121

**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 type="checkbox"/> commercial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                      | <b>Accessible</b>                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted  | <input type="checkbox"/> government                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered      | <input 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 checked="" 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 Rolland C. and Sandra Schneider

street & number P.O. Box 410

city, town Palmetto

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 30268

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Fulton County Courthouse

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Historic Structures Field Survey:  
title Fulton County

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1977-78

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

## 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 Thomas P. Arnold House, built in 1905-06, is a two-story, eclectic-style structure with Neoclassical and Craftsman detailing. It is located on South Main Street on the western side of U.S. 29, just south of the center of Palmetto.

The weatherboard house has a hipped roof with wide eaves and three brick chimneys. The structure sits on a brick foundation. The front facade has a one-story porch with flat roof and denticulated cornice and is supported by four square Corinthian columns. Flat-roofed, one-story porches with denticulated cornices extend laterally from the north and south sides of the house. A low balustrade spans the entire front facade with an opening entrance at the central steps. The upper half of the principal facade includes a prominent central projecting bay and pedimented dormer window gable, articulated by two rows of triple windows.

The interior is arranged symmetrically with four rooms over four, central hall and stairway, and a single room on the north and south sides of the first level. Three rooms on the first level are attached to the rear of the house. Most of the windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash. Sets of triple windows include diamond tracery, stained glass, and Craftsman-style intersecting tracery. Walls and ceilings are made of plaster over lath, and floors of heart pine. Interior features include an open stairway with carved newel, finely turned banisters, and a built-in seat in the central hall. Significant interior details are the wooden mantels with engaged columns and decorative tiles, pocket doors, and doors of horizontal paneling. Baseboards and picture-hook molding articulate the walls. Hardware, lighting fixtures and electrical wiring are original features.

Alterations to the house include the enclosure of the two side porches (1924 and 1978) and the rear porch (1981). The original balustrades atop the roofs of the main house and porches have been removed. An interior wall between the two south-side rooms on the first floor was removed in 1980.

The land around the house is relatively flat with informal landscaping of trees and shrubs and a small garden to the rear of the property. Early-twentieth-century outbuildings consist of two frame barns, a frame storage shed and a small frame playhouse. A non-historic concrete-block garage is located northwest of the house.

The boundary of the property consists of the historic acreage (approximately 1.15 acres) associated with the house and corresponds to the current legal boundary description. The property is sited in the Seventh District, Land Lot 63, the original parcel of land purchased by Thomas P. Arnold in 1905.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation             |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
|   |  |   |   | Local History                                       |

**Specific dates** 1905-06                      **Builder/Architect** Butt and Morris

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Arnold House is historically significant in the areas of architecture, politics/government and local history. In terms of architecture, it is a good example of a turn-of-the-century, two-story, eclectic-style residence designed by architects Butt and Morris of Atlanta. In the area of politics/government, it is important for its association with Thomas P. Arnold and his son, Thomas P. Arnold, Jr., who each served as the mayor of the town of Palmetto. In terms of local history, the Arnold family contributed to the development and growth of Palmetto, as landowners, farmers, and as leaders in civic and social events. The Arnold House meets the National Register criteria B and C.

In terms of architecture, this large, two-story, frame building is a fine, well-preserved example of a turn-of-the-century upper-middle-class residence in the community of Palmetto, located southwest of Atlanta. The house documents an eclectic style of architecture, popular during the early 1900s, which combines elements of the Neoclassical and Craftsman styles. Neoclassical elements include the front porch with its Corinthian capitals, denticulated cornice, balustrades (also, originally located on the roof), and the triangular pedimented gable dormer window. The detailing of the windows in the central and dormer bays and the wide eaves underneath the hipped roof reflect a Craftsman influence. The basic massing of the house, with its wide, simple eaves, and its four-over-four room plan are associated with the American Foursquare style. The Arnold House was designed by noted Atlanta architects James W. Butt (d. 1914) and Marshall F. Morris (d. 1921), who practiced in and around the city at the turn of the century. Although the firm was short-lived, Butt and Morris maintained a busy practice, as evidenced in numerous citations for residential, ecclesiastical, apartment and commercial buildings in issues of the Southern Architect and Building News. It is significant that the original plans and specifications of the Arnold House have survived.

In terms of politics/government and local history, the property is notable for its association with the Arnold family, who played an important role in the development and growth of Palmetto. At the time Thomas P. Arnold built this house for his expanding family, he had already achieved local recognition for his contributions to city government, in the role of mayor of Palmetto, and as a prominent area landowner and farmer. The Arnold family was also socially prominent in the community and was known to have hosted many functions. On the death of the older Arnold, his daughter, Leta Arnold Culbreath, and son, Thomas P. Arnold, Jr., inherited the house. Continuing in the leadership tradition of his father, the younger Thomas P. Arnold served as mayor from 1937 to 1939, and resided in Palmetto. He was later employed in Atlanta by the First National Bank. This shift in location of employment reflects the gradual decline of Palmetto as a farming supply center to an Atlanta suburb.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Brown, David J. "Historic Property Information Form: Arnold House," October, 1982. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 1.15 acres

Quadrangle name Palmetto, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary description and justification are included in Section 7 and indicated on map.

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

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Historic Preservation Section

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date March 26, 1984

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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 State Historic Preservation Officer

date 4/2/84

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

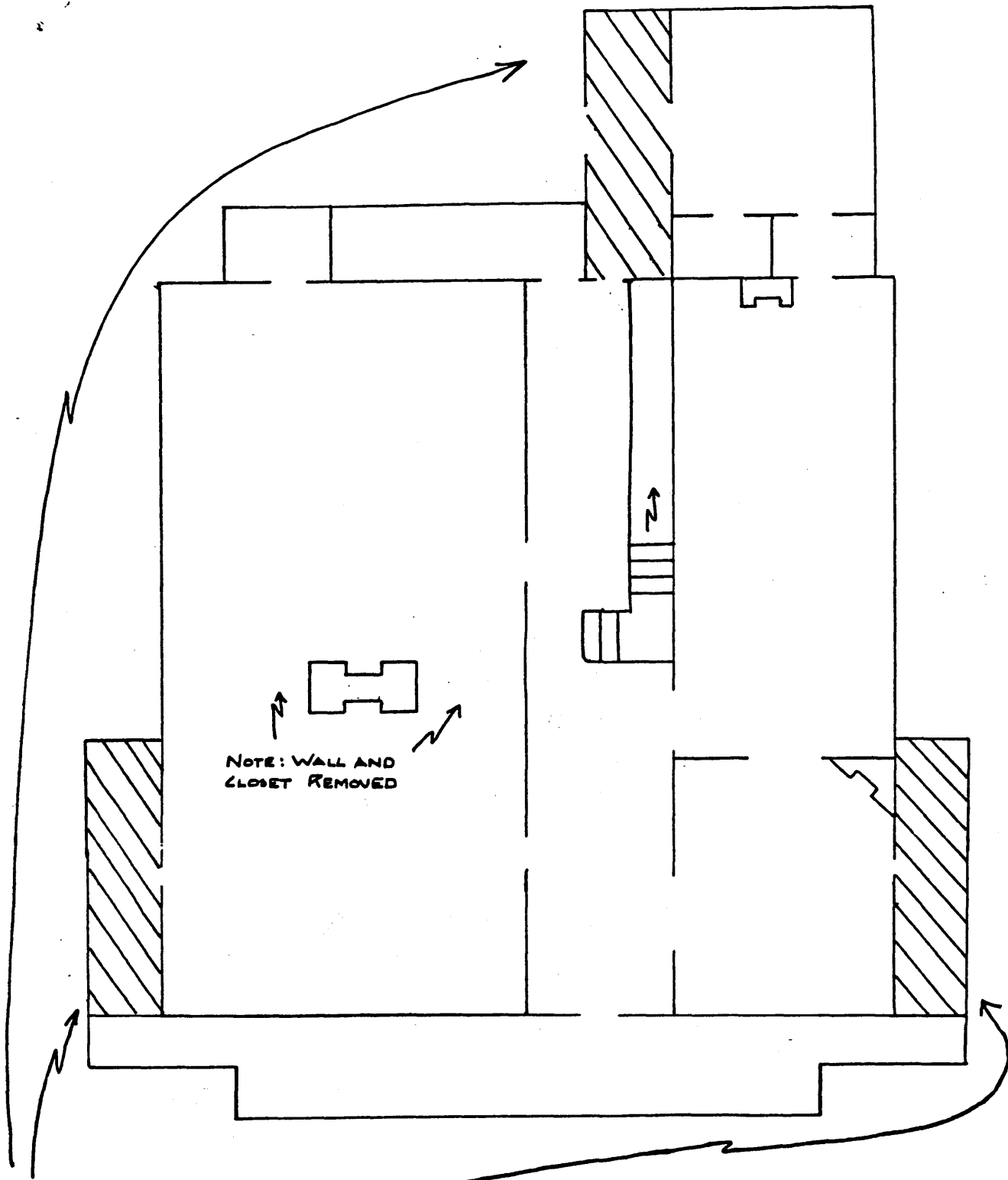
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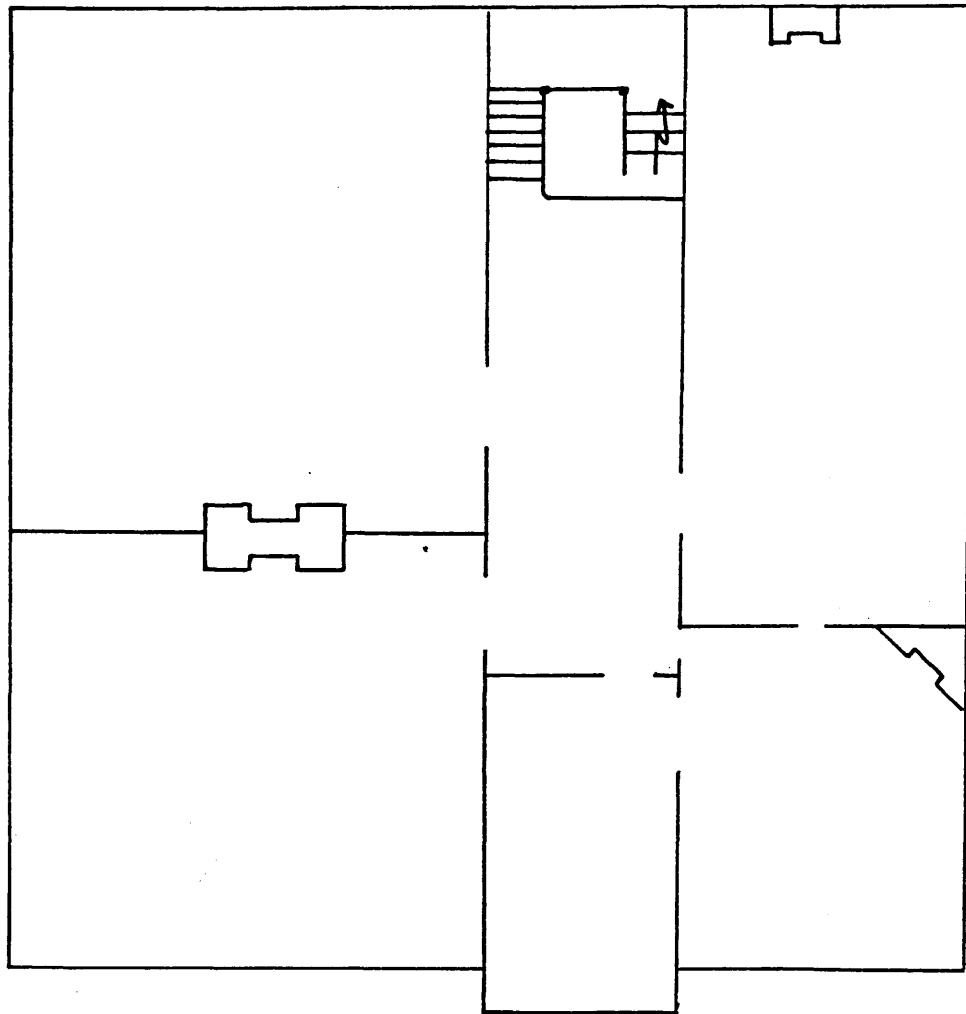
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Chief of Registration



NOTE: PORCHES THAT WERE  
 ORIGINALLY OPEN HAVE BEEN  
 ENCLOSED

THOMAS P. ARNOLD HOUSE  
 Palmetto, Fulton County, Georgia  
 Floor Plan Sketch of First Floor  
 North: →



NOTE: NO STRUCTURAL  
CHANGES MADE ON  
SECOND FLOOR.

THOMAS P. ARNOLD HOUSE  
Palmetto, Fulton County, Georgia  
Floor Plan Sketch of Second Floor  
North: →

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L.L.  
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4360' to  
PINE STREET

U.S. HIGHWAY 29

50°00'04" W

4' CONC WALK

196

427.66

N 88° 51' 54" E

APPROX

FENCE LINE & LINE OF POSSESSION

FENCE POST

FENCE POST

FRAME BARN

FRAME BARN

BLOCK GARAGE

PLAY HOUSE

TWO STORY FRAME HOUSE #518

GRAVEL DRIVE

FRAME STORAGE

GREEN HOUSE

S 88° 47' 47" W

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10' CLEAR 6.84' CLEAR 15' CLEAR

LRP

OF:

D C. SCHNEIDER  
DRA SCHNEIDER

63 7th DISTRICT  
COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 1981



THOMAS P. ARNOLD HOUSE  
Palmetto, Fulton County, Georgia  
Property Boundary Map  
Scale: 1" = 40'  
North: ↑