United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Calvin W. Parr House

and/or common

2. Location

Georgia

street & number 277 Bloomfield Street-

state

code 013

3. Classification

Category district	Ownership	Status _X_ occupied	Present Use	museum
building(s)	private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object		_X_ yes: restricted	government	scientific
	being considered	yes: unrestricted no	industrial military	transportation

county

Clarke

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. James E. Kibler, Jr.

street & number 255 Bloomfield Street

Athens N/A vicinity of city, town state Georgia 30605 Location of Legal Description 5. courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court Clarke County Courthouse street & number Athens city, town state Georgia **Representation in Existing Surveys** 6. None title has this property been determined elegible? _X_no ves date federal state county local None depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one
excellent good _X fair	<pre> deteriorated ruins unexposed</pre>	unaltered _ <u>X</u> altered

Check one _X_ original site ____ moved date _

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Calvin W. Parr House is a late-nineteenth century Victorian cottage standing on a small landscaped lot in a residential neighborhood near downtown Athens, Clarke County, Georgia. The multi-gable roofed, one-story cottage is sheathed in weatherboard and on the interior retains portions of its original stenciled decoration on walls and ceilings.

The Parr House has a lateral T-shaped plan with porches on the front, rear and north sides. It is balloon-framed and rests on a brick pier foundation with brick underpinnings. A kitchen ell composed of the originally detached kitchen and an enclosed breezeway extends to the rear. The house has five gables, two on the front, two on the rear and one on the north side; those on the front and north side are highlighted with sunburst designs, those on the rear have louvered vents. The roof retains a portion of its historic standing seam metal cladding on the rear and south side, and three interior brick chimneys rise from the ridge line. Windows, for the most part, are two-over-two double hung wood sash that retain their original louvered shutters. The windows in a front bay which has a bell cast metal roof are one-over-one. The front door, with transom above, has its original round-headed, etched-glass window and original brass hardware. An "L" shaped porch that wraps around the front and north side features chamfered columns whose brackets have been removed and a delicate scroll-sawn balustrade highlighted with a quatrefoil design. A scroll-sawn bal-ustrade of different design is located on the rear porch.

The interior is organized around a central hall with two rooms to its north and three to the south. The kitchen ell composed of the original detached kitchen and a pantry built from the enclosed breezeway extends to the rear. A bathroom was added in the north corner of the rear porch before 1913. Interior finishing details include original plaster walls and ceilings, pine floors and simple woodwork, except in the kitchen where walls and ceilings have the original narrow beaded tongue and groove paneling. Cast plaster picture moldings are located in three rooms. Much of the original hardware, including cast metal hinges, white metal doorknobs and locks, is intact. The most significant decorative feature in the house is the elaborate stenciling found on the walls and ceilings of the parlor and central hall which was executed by Calvin W. Parr, the first owner who was a prominent Atlanta decorator. The work, located on the frieze in the parlor, dado in the hall and ceilings in both rooms, consists of geometric patterns and classical motifs executed in brilliant colors. The elaborate parlor mantel is of cast iron with marbleized and painted panels of scenes, birds and flowers. Four mantels in other rooms are simple Victorian designs in wood. Electricity was installed in the house in 1914.

The Parr House stands on a small landscaped lot surrounded by lawn. Several large oak trees are scattered in front of the house near the street. To the rear, there are no visible remains of the old well (now filled in), the original rose garden or behind that a vegetable garden. The Parr House is located in an historic residential area dating to the late-nineteenth century. Across the intersection of Peabody and Bloomfield Streets is, on the northeast corner, a cottage c. 1900; on the northwest corner, a modern apartment building; and on the southwest corner, a vacant lot.

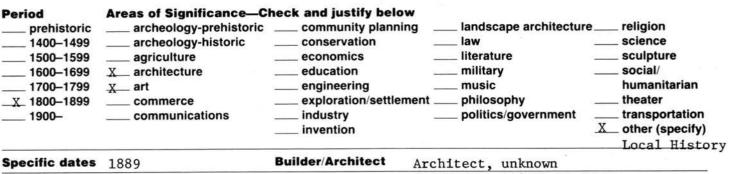
PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in October, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

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A preliminary certification of significance for the Calvin W. Parr House was issued by the Preservation Services Division, National Park Service Southeast Region, on October 20, 1981.

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Decorator, Calvin W. Parr

The Calvin W. Parr House, built in 1889, is historically significant in the areas of architecture, art and local history. In terms of architecture, it is significant as a virtually intact example of a late-nineteenth century Victorian cottage which is a nearperfect example of its type, style and period. In terms of art, the Parr House is significant for its extraordinary examples of interior wall and ceiling stenciling, done by the first owner/occupant of the house, Calvin W. Parr, who practiced this art in and around Athens during the late-nineteenth century. This stenciling is the only known extant example of this once popular form of interior decoration in Athens. In terms of local history, the Parr House is significant as the home of Calvin W. Parr, a noted interior decorator in the Athens area who, along with his six brothers and earlier his father, provided a wide variety of decorative arts services in the region during this period. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria B and C.

<u>Architecture</u>. The overall arrangement of the house, its interior plan and exterior form, its method of construction and construction materials, and its finish and detailing make the house a near-perfect example of its type, style and period. Stylistically the house relates to the late Victorian styles popular in Georgia and other parts of the country that feature multi-gabled roofs, turned balusters and posts, scroll-sawn work, bay windows and asymmetrical porches. The Parr House has all of these, except, surprisingly, turned detailing, which came into vogue after scroll-sawn work and well in time to appear on a house dating from 1889. The Parr House proportions are well-worked out. Its finishing details, including the sunbursts in the gables, the scroll-sawn porch balustrades, and on the interior, the picture moldings and mantels, are simple yet refined, making it a typical yet particularly fine example of the style. The existance of so many of the original features makes it a virtually intact example of a late-Victorian cottage in the Athens area.

<u>Art</u>. The Parr House features outstanding examples of interior wall stenciling and painting, a once-popular form of interior decoration in the Athens area, of which the Parr House may be the last extant example. Calvin Parr, the first owner/occupant of the house, was by profession an interior decorator and was responsible for the stenciling. The work, executed in bright colors, and in many areas highlighted with the application of bronze powders, features a variety of classical motifs including Greek key borders, anthemia, griffins and classical busts and garlands. In addition, the cast-iron parlor mantel with its elaborately painted panels depicting scenes, birds and flowers is an outstanding example of Victorian decorative arts.

Local History. The Parr House is significant for its association with Calvin Parr and his family who had a major influence on the late-nineteenth century decorative arts in the Athens area. Benjamin H. Parr, Calvin's father, was a painter in Athens as early as 1851, and seven of his sons followed him in the business, becoming house and sign painters,

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Kibler, James. "Historic Property Information Form: The Calvin W. Parr House.", August, 1981. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta.

10. Geographical Data

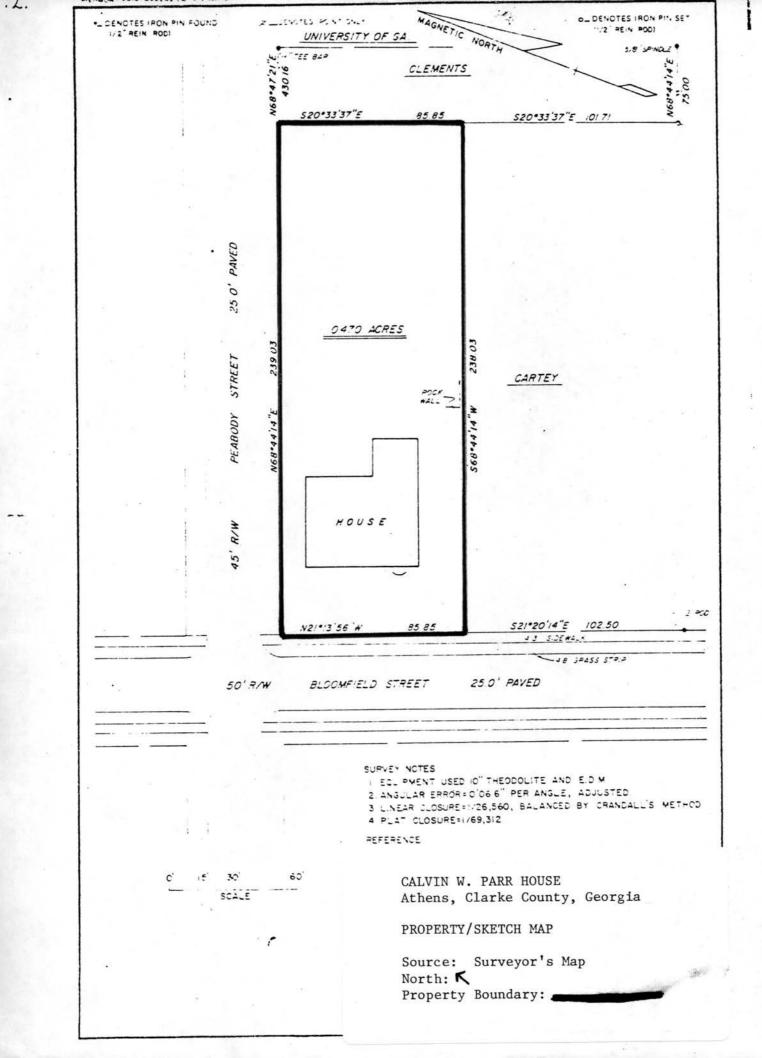
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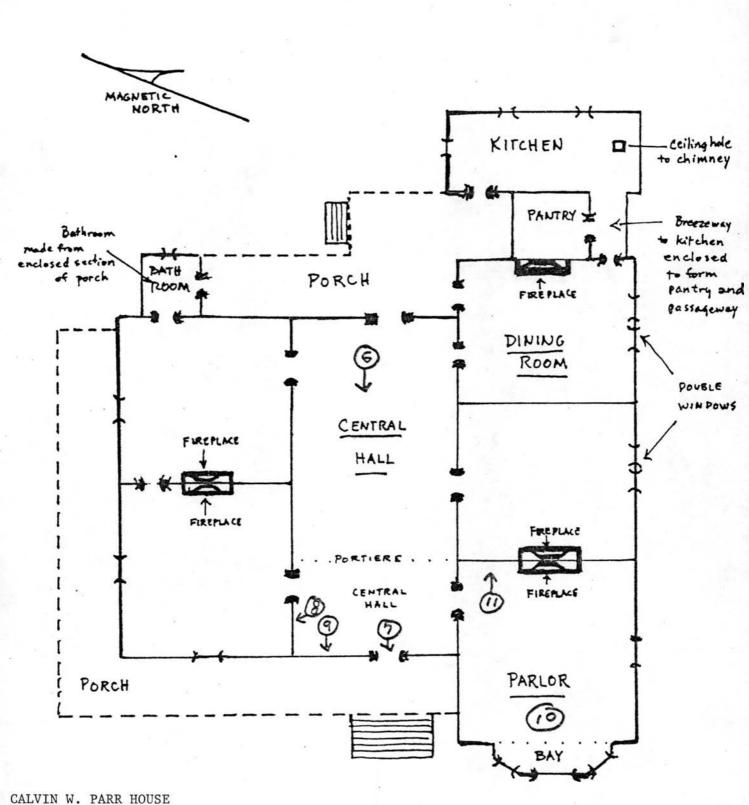
Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property constitutes the remaining intact historic acreage associated with the house and coincides with the current legal description of the property outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed surveyor's map.

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decorators or allied craftsmen (glaziers, paint manufacturers, paper hangers and stencilers) The Parr Brothers firm had an office and a paint mill where they prepared the paint used in their work. In 1893, they were hailed as the firm in Athens which did "the large bulk" of painting business "in the city and adjoining section" and were said to have done "the majority of signs which adorn the business part of the city." Calvin W. Parr, the senior member of the firm, specialized in stenciling and wall painting. He began withdrawing from the business around 1897, for reasons of health, and became a co-proprietor, with his son-in-law of a dairy and stock farm and later a manufacturer and seller of candy. By 1904, the business had been completely dissolved, although several of the younger brothers continued in business on their own.





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Athens, Clarke County, Georgia

PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP -FLOOR PLAN

Scale: Not to scale North: N

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Photographs &



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (1 of 12): Front facade of house; photographer facing east.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (2 of 12): Front facade of house; photographer facing northeast.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (3 of 12): Southeast side of house; photographer facing north.

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Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (4 of 12): Rear of house; photographer facing south.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (5 of 12): Central hall; photographer facing southwest.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (6 of 12): Detail of central hall showing etched glass in front door and original stenciling; photographer facing west.



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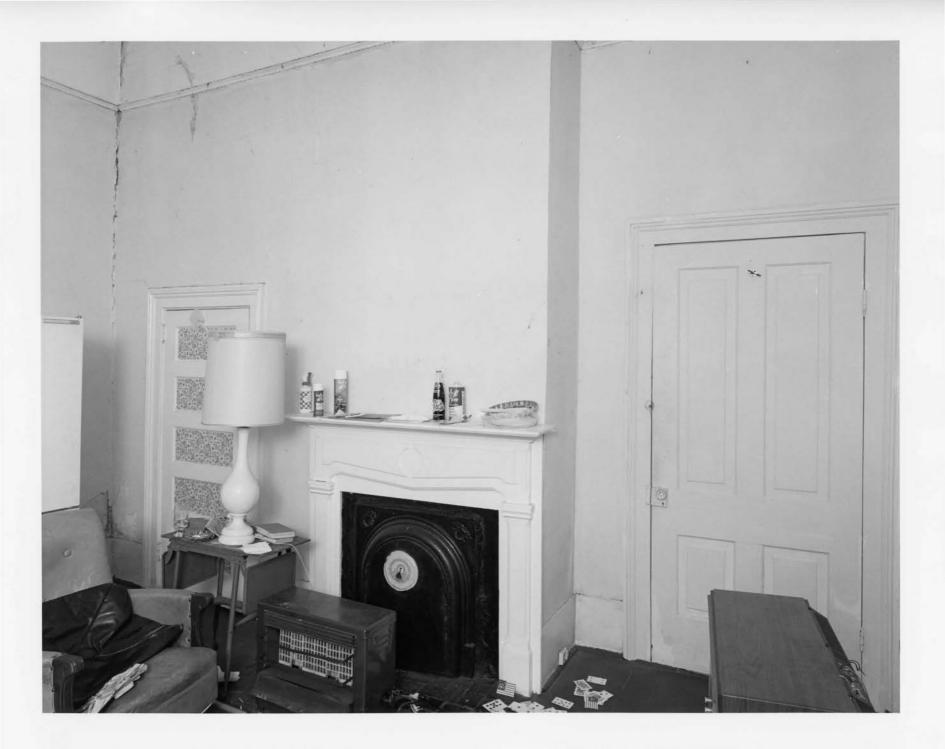
Description (7 of 12): Parlor showing fireplace and original wall and ceiling stenciling; photographer facing northeast.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart
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Description (8 of 12): Parlor showing bay
window and wall and ceiling stenciling;
photographer facing west.



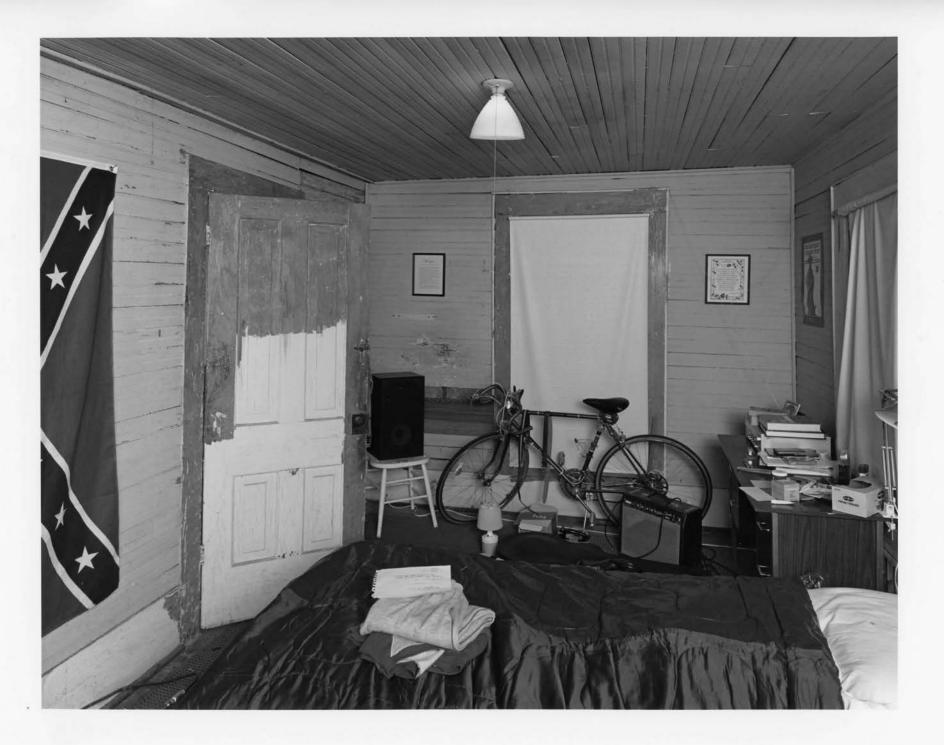
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Description (9 of 12): Dining room;
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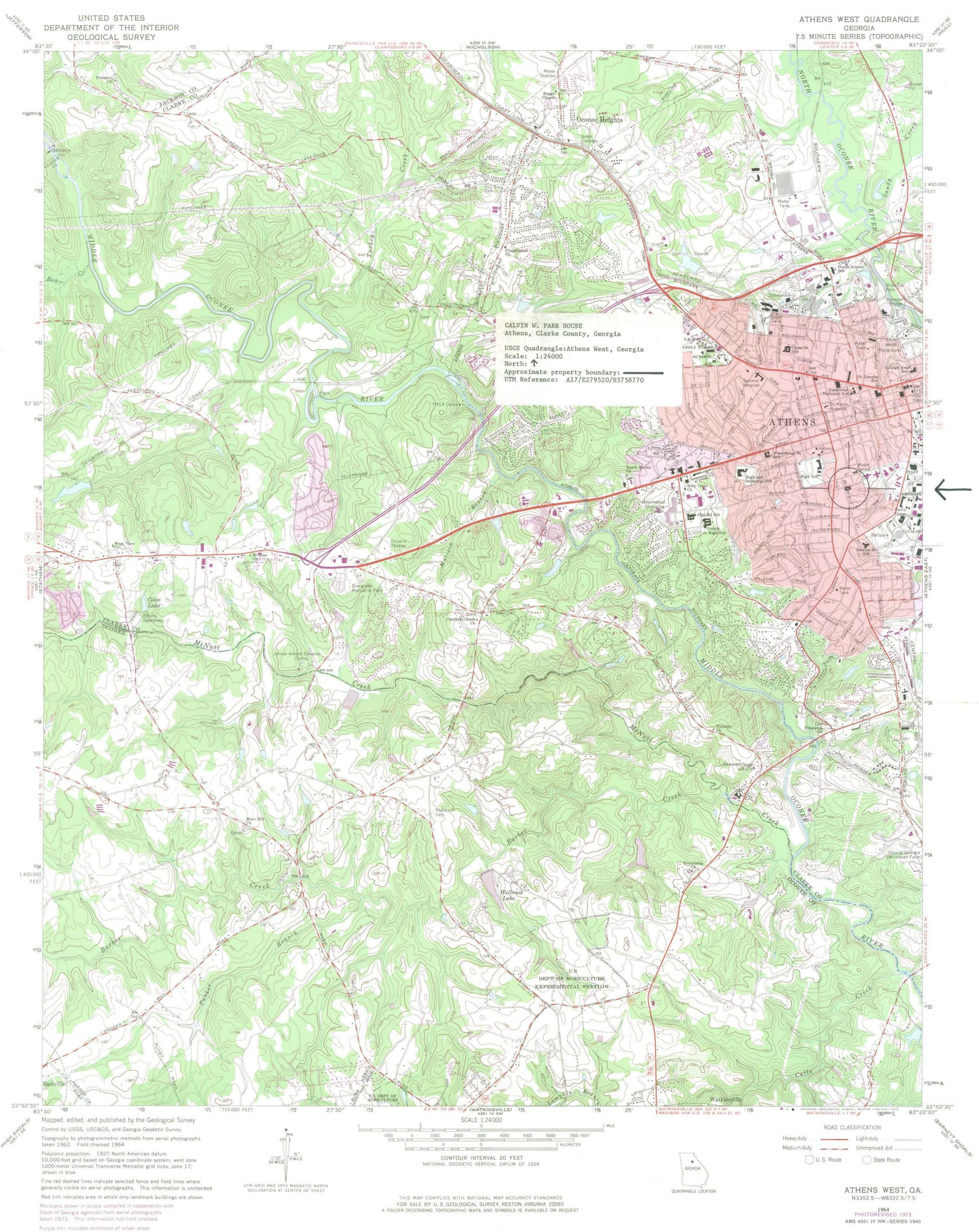
Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (10 of 12): Northeast rear room; photographer facing southwest.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of
Natural Resources
Date: October, 1981
Description (11 of 12): Northwest front
room; photographer facing north.



Photographer: James R. Lockhart Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Date: October, 1981 Description (12 of 12): Kitchen; photographer facing northwest.



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Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2016

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION PROPERTY Parr, Calvin W., House NAME: MULTIPLE NAME : STATE & COUNTY: GEORGIA, Clarke 9/30/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE RECEIVED: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/15/16 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST: REFERENCE NUMBER: 82002394 NOMINATOR: STATE REASONS FOR REVIEW: APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N COMMENT WAIVER: N ______REJECT ______ / 1.15 - 16 DATE RETURN ACCEPT

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

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REVIEWER Calson Beall	DISCIPLINE AUSTON
TELEPHONE	DATE 11.15.16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Summary

Parcel Number	171C3 B005
Location Address	227 BLOOMFIELD ST
Legal Description	N/A
Class	R3-Residential
	(Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)
Zoning	RS-5
Tax District	Urban Services District (District 02)
Millage Rate	33.95
Acres	0.47
Neighborhood	4013R-BLOOMFIELD (4013R)
Homestead Exemption	Yes (SC)
Landlot/District	N/A



View Map

Owner

CHAPMAN APRIL 227 BLOOMFIELD ST ATHENS, GA 30605

Land

Туре	Description	Calculation Method	Acres
RES	Res-BV-060	Lot	0.47

Residential Improvement Information

Style	Single Family Residence
Heated Square Feet	2224
Interior Walls	Plaster
Exterior Walls	Wood Frame - No Sheathing
Attic Square Feet	0
Basement Square Feet	0
Year Built	1887
Roof Type	Ashpalt/Fiberglas Shingles
Flooring Type	Pine - Double
Heating Type	Heat Pump/Cent Htg and AC

National Register of Historic Places Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Department of Transportation

State of Georgia No. 2 Capitol Square Atlanta, Georgia 30334

HAL RIVES ASST. STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER DANIEL O. KELLY TREASURER

March 15, 1982

Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chief Historic Preservation Section Department of Natural Resources 270 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334

Subject: The Calvin W. Parr House, Clarke County

Dear Dr. Lyon:

In reference to your Notice of February 8, 1982, we have reviewed the information on the subject nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We find no approved transportation plan or proposed project which would have an affect on the site. However, it is requested that, wherever possible, highway rights-of-way not be included in the nomination. If this is not possible, please contact Peter Malphurs or Toni Gardner of my staff to resolve this issue.

Yours very truly,

Alton L. Dowd, Jr. Director of Preconstruction



HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

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PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES DIVISION HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION 270 WASHINGTON STREET, S.W. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334 (404) 656-2840



Joe B. Tanner COMMISSIONER

Henry D. Struble DIRECTOR

August 6, 1982

Ms. Carol D. Shull Acting Keeper of the National Register National Register Division National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol:

Enclosed are the following National Register nominations for your consideration:

-York House, Rabun County

-Riverside, Stephens County

-Calvin W. Parr House, Clarke County.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chief Historic Preservation Section State Historic Preservation Officer

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

Mark Williams Commissioner DR. DAVID CRASS DIVISION DIRECTOR



September 15, 2016

Edson Beall National Park Service National Register of Historic places 1201 "I" Street, NW, 8th floor Washington, DC 20005

RE: Calvin Parr House, Athens, Clarke County (#82002394)

Dear Mr. Beall:

We are requesting a correction in address for the above-reference property in Bibb County, Georgia. Please see attached Clarke County tax record for the property. The property was listed as 277 Bloomfield Street in Athens. The correct address is 227 Bloomfield Street in Athens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

V/r

David Crass Historic Preservation Division Director/Deputy SHPO

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