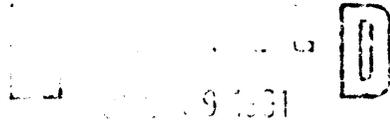


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Merritt-Ragan House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 316 Merritt St.
city, town Hawkinsville (n/a) vicinity of
county Pulaski code GA 235
state Georgia code GA zip code 31036

(n/a) not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	2	0
sites		
structures		
objects		
total	2	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE VICTORIAN:Queen Anne

Materials:

foundation brick
walls wood
roof asphalt
other

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Merritt-Ragan House is located in Hawkinsville, Pulaski County, a small town in middle Georgia. The property consists of a two-story, frame house with wrap-around porches on the first floor and a second floor balcony on the front. It has four main rooms with an ell for the dining room and kitchen on the first floor. The house retains late 19th-century mantels including one of cast-iron, pocket doors, a grand staircase, and built-in china cabinet. The house contains three chimneys serving ten fireplaces, heart-pine floors, and beaded ceilings. Changes to the house, other than those from 1895 which transformed it into a two-story structure, include the attachment of the kitchen, and recent minor changes to adapt it for reuse.

The house exhibits a combination of Classical Revival and Queen Anne design elements. The house is symmetrically designed with a front-facing pedimented, two-story central porch, and one-story, wrap-around porches. The square posts and round columns with Doric capitals support the porch. The exterior exhibits weatherboarding, a modillioned cornice, and six-over-six and one-over-one windows. Four stained-glass windows are located in the front gable. Other features include a hipped roof, brick chimneys, second story balconies, and a front entrance with double wood- and glass-paneled doors, transom window, and decorative door enframement. A rear porch uses the same classic design features.

Interior features include paneled doors with porcelain door knobs, brass hardware, wood moldings, wainscoting, and classically designed fireplace mantels some with tile, overmirrors, and cast-iron fireboxes. A wide central hall contains an elaborate stairway with crafted newel posts, balusters, and drops. The windows in the parlor and master bedroom are floor length, and can be raised in order to walk out onto the balcony.

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The house is located on a flat city lot, with a manicured lawn, and hexagonal concrete sidewalk pavers. Landscaping trees and shrubs include magnolia, dogwood, azalea, and hydrangea. A c. 1930, frame, gabled-roof garage is located directly behind the house.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Period of Significance:

c. 1840, 1895, c. 1930

Significant Dates:

c. 1840, 1895, c. 1930

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

n/a

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Merritt-Ragan House is significant in architecture because the house, as it appears today, exemplifies the fine detailing and workmanship found in the Late Victorian era. Its overall appearance combines important details of the Classical Revival and Queen Anne styles. Built in c. 1840, originally the house was one-story with a gable roof, symmetrical layout, square porch columns, and a one-story, front portico with a pedimented gable. During the late 19th-century, the house was remodeled and enlarged to a two-story building. Decorative features were added including cornice and porch modillions, a wrap-around porch, 1/1 windows, and a decorative front door surround. The interior is designed as a central-hall plan and includes 8 rooms on the first floor and five rooms on the second. The foyer consists of heart-pine floors with painted borders, wainscoting, and a staircase with turned balusters and decorative newel posts. Most of the fireplaces have colorful tile surrounds. The wooden fireplace mantels, feature ornamental columns, pilasters, cast-iron fireboxes, and over-mirrors. A one-story addition to southwest corner of the house was the original kitchen and was attached to the main house during the late 19th century. The property retains a small one-story, c. 1930 garage, and concrete driveway which documents the need to accommodate the automobile in the early 20th-century, and hexagonal concrete walkway pavers.

National Register Criteria

The Merritt-Ragan House meets Criteria C because the house is an example of a 19th-century house originally built in c. 1840, and later remodeled to reflect the architectural tastes of the late 19th-century Victorian era. The c. 1840, one-story house was built using Classical Revival elements--the symmetrical design, the square paneled portico columns, and classically designed fireplace mantels some with columns, pilasters, and dentils. The house was remodeled to a two-story structure in 1895. The house features a wrap-around porch, two-story pedimented portico with a second story balcony, cornice and porch modillions, and porch columns with Doric capitals. The structure embodies many fine characteristics of American craftsmanship from its exterior design to its interior detailing such as wainscoting, door surrounds, wooden stairway with turned balusters, newel posts, and drops. The property also features a one-story clapboard garage, and hexagonal sidewalk pavers. The Merritt-Ragan House is an example of two architectural influences and an example of the common

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practice of remodeling an early building to reflect current architectural trends. The historic garage and driveway reflect characteristic early 20th-century outbuildings and landscape features to accommodate the use of the automobile.

Period of significance (justification, if applicable)

ca. 1840 (original house built)
1895 (house expanded to two stories)

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if applicable)

2 buildings (house and garage)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Usry, Jim C. "Historic Property Information Form - Merritt-Ragan House." 1989. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (x) N/A

- () preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- () 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:

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

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 1/3 acres.

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 267610 Northing 3573840

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is all the land remaining associated with the property. The National Register property boundary is indicated by a heavy black line on the property's site map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary follows the current legal boundaries of the property. It is marked on the enclosed plat map.

11. Form Prepared By

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Photographs

Name of Property: Merritt-Ragan House
City or Vicinity: Hawkinsville
County: Pulaski
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: July 1990

Description of Photograph(s):

1 of 13: Front facade view, hexagonal sidewalk pavers; photographer facing south.

2 of 13: View of the front and west facades; photographer facing southeast.

3 of 13: View of the front and east facades; photographer facing southwest.

4 of 13: View of front entranceway; photographer facing southwest.

5 of 13: View of the rear and east facades; photographer facing northwest.

6 of 13: View of one-story kitchen addition; photographer facing northwest.

7 of 13: View of one-story, c. 1930 garage; photographer facing southwest.

8 of 13: View of staircase/central hallway; photographer facing southeast.

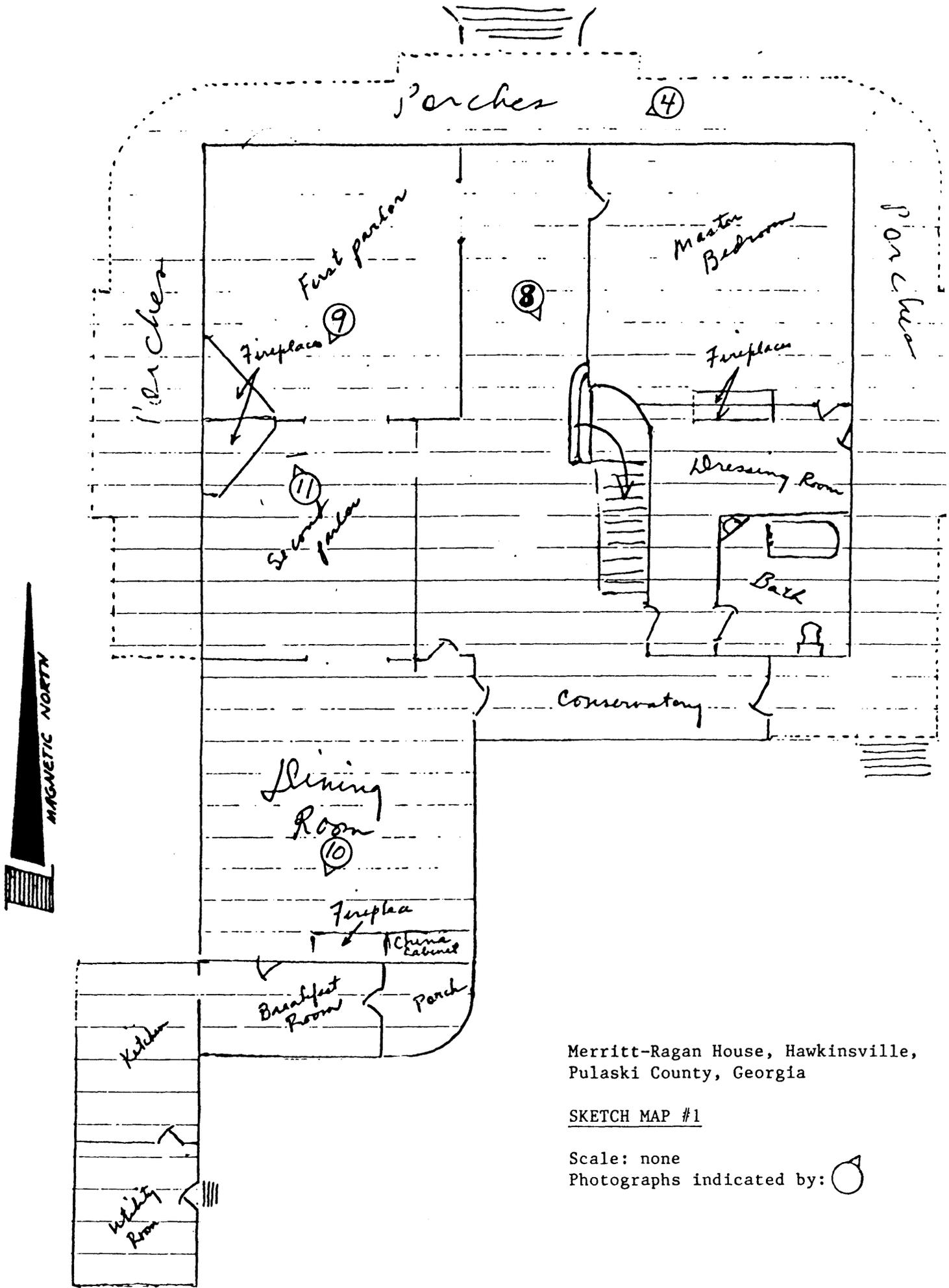
9 of 13: View of front parlor, classical mantelpieces, pocket doors; photographer facing southwest.

10 of 13: View of dining room; photographer facing southwest.

11 of 13: Front and second parlor, pocket doors, mantels; photographer facing northwest.

12 of 13: Second floor front bedroom; photographer facing southwest.

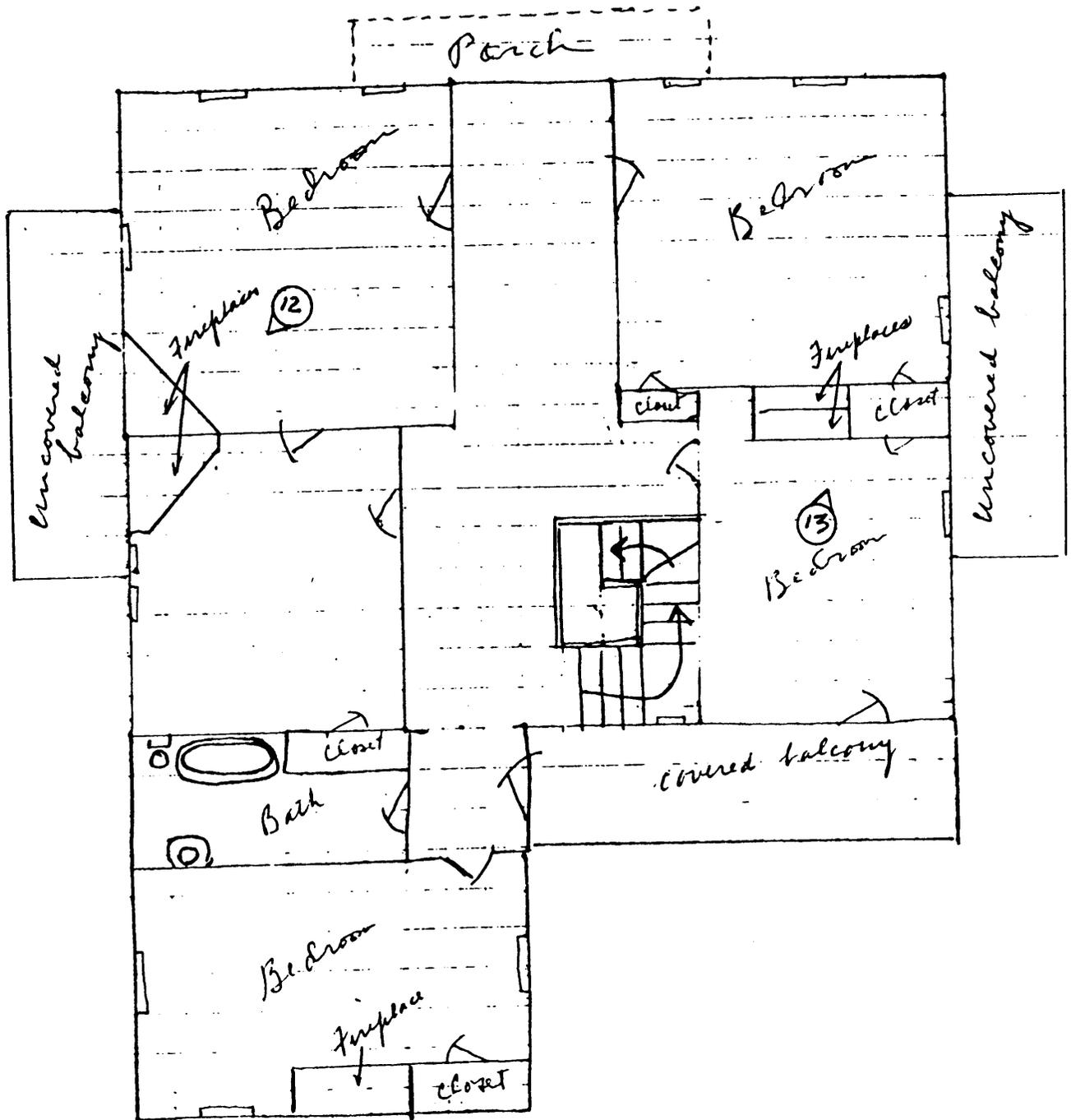
13 of 13: Second floor rear bedroom; photographer facing northeast.



Merritt-Ragan House, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County, Georgia

SKETCH MAP #1

Scale: none
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SKETCH MAP #2

Scale: none

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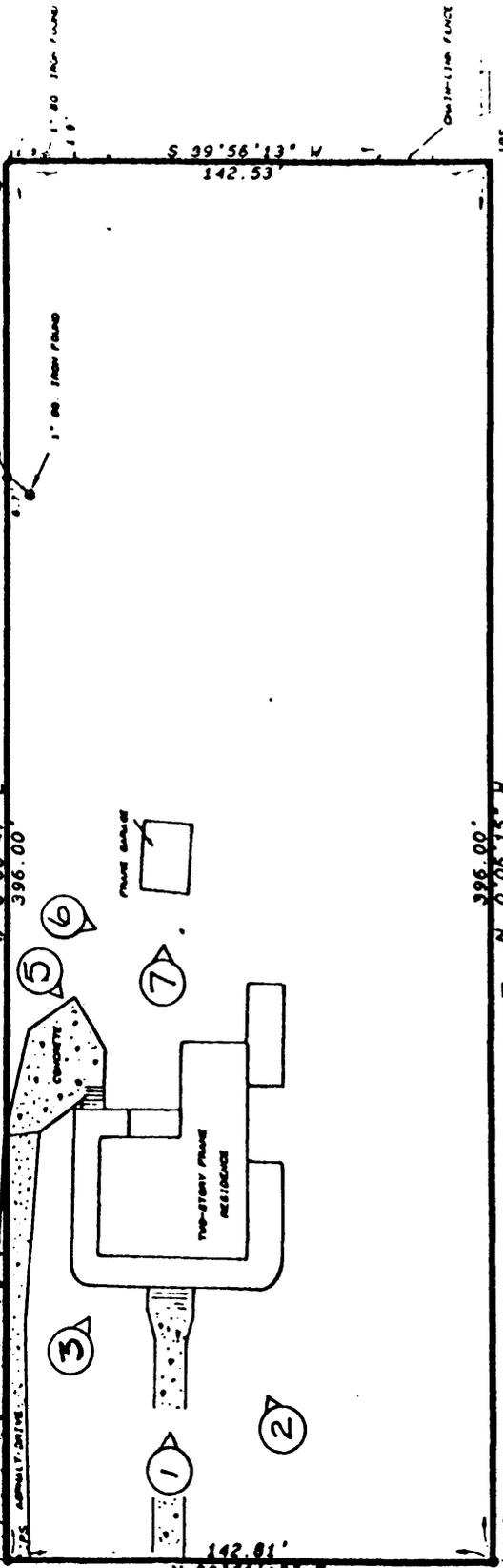
8. JACKSON STREET



DB 116 / P 673

REF DB 134 / I 458 (PLAT)

JOINTLY USED ASPHALT DRIVE
REF: DB 68 / P 370

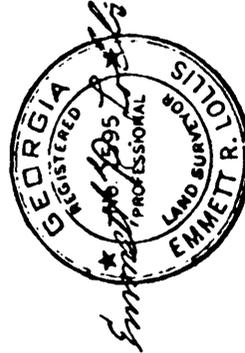


IN MY OPINION THIS PROPERTY IS NOT DESIGNATED IN A FLOOD PLAIN AREA.
I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE LAND PLATTED AND HAS BEEN PREPARED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

LEGEND

P.O.B: POINT OF BEGINNING
T.M: 5/8\" RE-SUR SET
R.M: RE-SUR FOUND

GRAPHIC SCALE: 1" = 40'



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BOUNDARY MAP

Scale: 1"-----40'

Boundary: _____

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