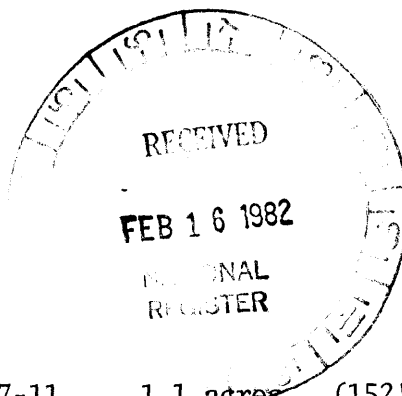25. DR. WILLIS MERIWETHER HOUSE
    243 Wilson Avenue

    Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Beinert
    243 Wilson Avenue
    Eutaw, Alabama 35462

Lot #101   Tax Map: 35-18-08-33-4-7-11   1.1 acres   (152' Wilson x 353')
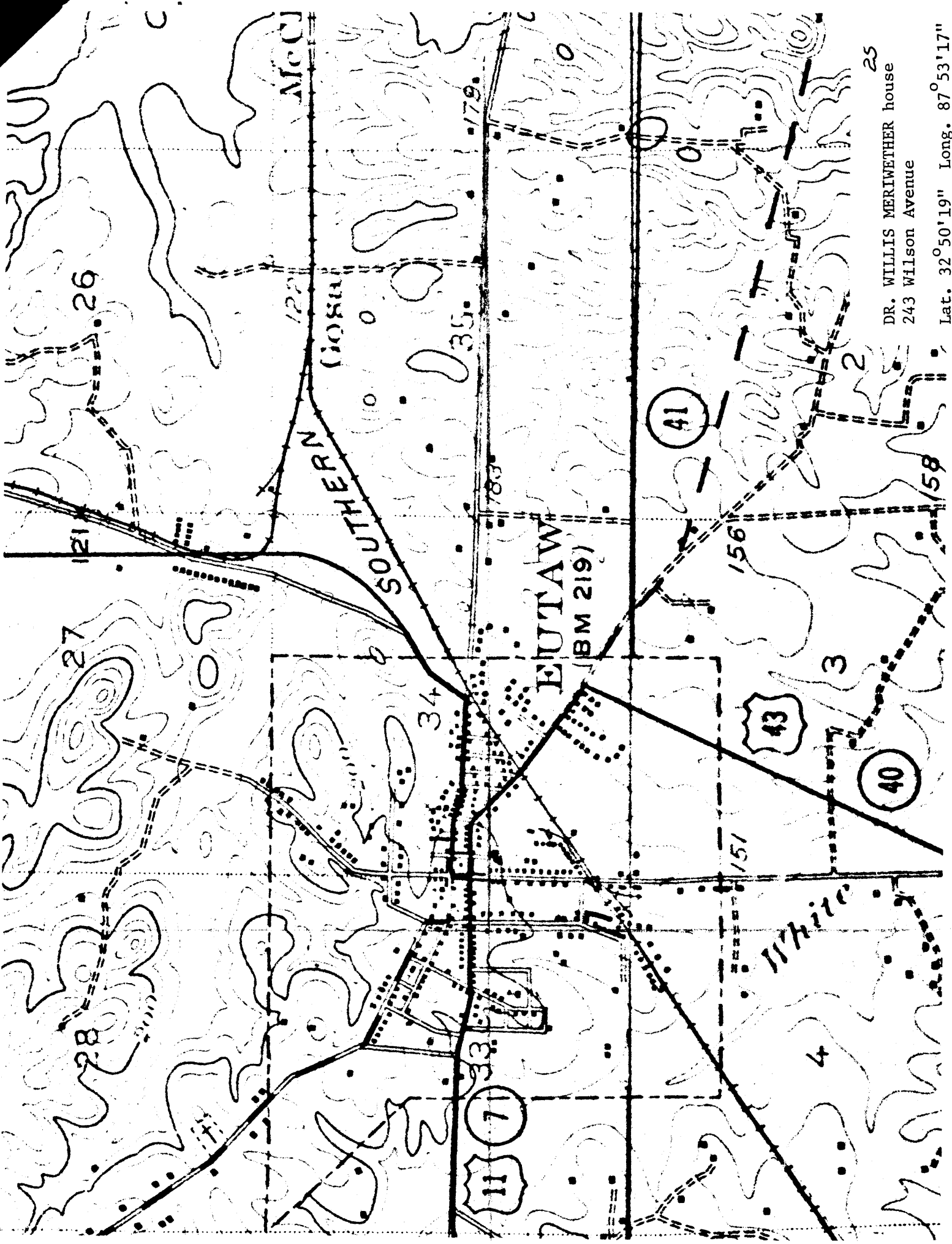
Latitude: 32° 50' 19"   Longitude: 87° 53' 17"

Reconstructed in Eutaw in 1856   Architect/builder: unknown

SIGNIFICANCE: No trace now remains of the buildings comprising the early community of
Springfield in Greene County, unless it be this transplanted residence of Dr. Willis
Meriwether. Thence the house has associational value as a link with another early
community. More importantly, however, it is as it stands today one of a trio of
2-story houses in which square piers are used to compose a colossal order portico.

DESCRIPTION: The Meriwether house on Wilson Street is two-storied and two rooms deep,
its plan and form are similar to the David R. Anthony residence (#5), only with a
range of six square piers to the portico and the facade five-bayed. The roof beams
are hand-adzed and would date before the erection of the house in 1856. Doors are
six-paneled, following the usual early pattern (as in Washington's Mount Vernon), and
flush-board dado in the southwest room belongs to the Federal period. The main stair-
case is unusually wide (44 1/2 inches), and curiously enough, it begins its ascent only
30 inches from the front wall of the hall. A service stairs once rose in the south-
west corner of the rear hall. Existing mantels are pilastered and Greek Revival.
Members of the front portico also are Greek Revival, or of the time when the house
was set up on Wilson Street.

Remodeling: The house has retained most of its outer form, except that the chimneys
have been removed. Inside, the back stairway and the wall that formerly separated
the rear hall and northwest room have been taken out. The house is now used as a
residence for the present owners, and also as a printing shop operated by Mr. Beinert.
(This form was printed in the Meriwether house from type hand set by Mr. Beinert).

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