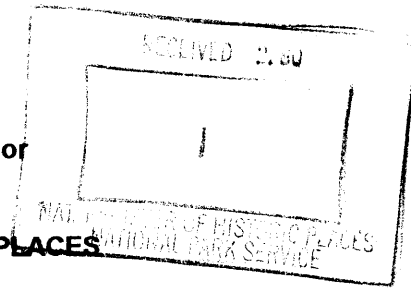


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Hardy, Captain Jack C., House  
other names/site number:

**2. Location**

street & number: 205 Natchez Avenue  
city or town: Brookhaven  
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Lincoln code: 085  
not for publication n/a  
vicinity n/a  
zip code: 39601

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility 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 \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide  locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul Dec. 15, 2006  
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register,  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ other (explain):

Edson H. Beall 2.1.07  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property:** private

**Number of Resources within Property:** 1  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

**Category of Property:** building

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

n/a

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:** Domestic- single dwelling

**Current Functions:** Work in progress

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification(s):** Italianate

**Materials:**

foundation: brick; stucco

roof: asphalt

walls: brick; stucco

other: wood trim

**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

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The Captain Jack C. Hardy House is a red brick residential building with Italianate detailing, built in 1877. The house, facing north, sits on a large open 4.2 acre site which is flat and dotted with a few trees, mostly cedar and oak. The house was in the outskirts of Brookhaven until the 1920s when large homes began to be constructed in the vicinity.

The building is square and is topped with an asphalt shingle truncated hip roof. There is a one-story brick ell at the rear with an asphalt shingle gable roof with widely overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. The main roof is pierced by three corbelled brick interior end chimneys: two on the east and one on the west toward the rear. Originally a fourth chimney extended through the roof on the west toward the front. This chimney was removed, date unknown. The cornice is a painted plain band with brick dentils and evenly spaced blocks on which sandwich brackets were originally located. The one-story full-width front porch is covered with a flat roof supported by six square chamfered wooden posts with stepped capitals. The posts support elliptical arches and a plain applied wooden block above each column connects the arcade. The frieze above the arches is wide and plain. Previously there was a denticulated band across the frieze and the roof of the porch was topped with a spindled balustrade (no longer extant, however a photograph provides this evidence). The wooden porch deck has been replaced with concrete. The ceiling is beaded board. The wall under the porch is stuccoed, scored to resemble stone blocks. Stuccoed brick steps, which flare at the bottom and have stuccoed side walls and newels, lead to the porch.

There are five bays on the first floor of the façade. There is a center single leaf half glazed wooden door with three-light sidelights. The sidelights are separated from the door by narrow square plain pilasters with molded capitals. There is a four-light transom panel. The entry is recessed within a paneled opening and the side surrounds are wide plain pilasters, with molded capitals and bases, supporting sandwich brackets and a tall overhanging molded entablature. The entry is flanked by 6/6 double-hung wood windows set in slightly arched openings and 5-sided bays. Each 5-sided bay is filled with three 4/4 and two 2/2 double-hung wooden windows with shutters separated by plain pilasters with molded capitals. Above the capitals are paired sandwich brackets that support a molded entablature. Jigsawn cresting tops the domed roof of the projecting bay and the bay rests on a paneled base.

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There are five bays on the second floor of the main elevation. Double-leaf half glazed wood doors with a two light transom are flanked by two 6/6 double-hung wooden windows. The bays are all set in slightly arched openings.

The west elevation of the main block has five bays, identical on each floor. The center bay is a pair of 4/4 double-hung windows set in a double-arched opening flanked on the right by a 2/2 d.h. and a 6/6 d.h. window; and on the left by two 6/6 d.h. windows. All windows are set in slightly arched openings and are wood.

A plain concrete belt course separates the first and second floor on the east, west, and south elevations, and the crawl space is stuccoed and pierced by oval metal vents. The east elevation is filled with five bays, identical on each floor. The center bay is a pair of 4/4 double-hung windows set in a double-arched opening (the first floor arch has been removed through inappropriate renovation and is flat) and is flanked by two 2/2 double-hung windows. All bays are set in slightly arched openings and are wood.

The rear elevation has five 2/2 double-hung windows in slightly arched openings on the second floor and two 2/2 double-hung wooden windows to the left of the ell. The ell extends to the rear from the right side of the rear elevation. The east half of the ell is brick and the west half is clapboard and the building is covered with an asphalt shingle gable roof which extends further over the brick section. There are five bays on the east side filled with non-historic sash set in slightly arched openings. The rear has three bays: a 4/4 double-hung wood window, a single-leaf half-glazed wood door, and an aluminum window. The west elevation has seven bays: a pair of 4/4 double-hung wood windows, a single 4/4 double-hung window, a single-leaf half-glazed wood door with transom, and four 4/4 double-hung, all set in plain openings.

The ell has three rooms on the east and two in the enclosed porch. From physical evidence it is believed that the first and second rooms in the ell were constructed as the kitchen and that shortly thereafter, the third, southernmost room was added. The roof had a low hip behind a plain parapet. In the 1930s, the ell doubled in size with the enclosure of the porch on the west side and the construction of the gable roof.

The house has a center hall plan with two rooms on the east and three rooms on the west side of the hall on the first floor. The house retains most of its tall baseboards

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with molded caps, four-panel doors with two-light transoms, molded window and door surrounds, plaster walls, and mantelpieces. There are intricate plaster ceiling medallions and cornices in the parlor and dining room and the parlor has an elaborate plaster arch supported by console brackets separating the double parlors. The staircase begins about 2/3rds of the way back in the hall and has turned spindles and a molded handrail of walnut. Applied ornamentation accents the stringer.

There are four main rooms on the second floor, one in each corner. The space between the rooms on each side of the hall is divided into closets and bathrooms.

The house retains a high degree of integrity in both its materials and design. It is currently (2006) undergoing restoration.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1877

**Significant Dates**

1877

**Criteria Considerations:**

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Significant Person(s)**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation(s)**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

Hoskins, Captain J. A., contractor

**Narrative Statement of Significance:** See continuation sheets.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** See continuation sheet.**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- 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**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_
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The Captain Jack C. Hardy House at 205 Natchez Avenue is architecturally significant in the area of architecture (Criterion C) within the context of Brookhaven and Lincoln County because it is a well-preserved, intact and rare example of an Italianate town villa (without a tower). The Mississippi Department of Archives and History's list of notable Italianate houses in Mississippi, as identified by December 2005, includes the Hardy House among its nine extant houses of this form. Among these houses are the A. S. Merrill House, Natchez (NR district); Howry-Hull House, Oxford; Amzi Love House, Columbus (NR district); and the Magruder-Morrissey House, Vicksburg (NR). The Hardy House is the only house in Brookhaven on the Department's list of Italianate houses of all forms.

The Italianate style, which began in England as a part of the Picturesque movement, dominated American house construction between 1850 and 1880. The style achieved its height of popularity in Mississippi in the 1870s. Characteristics of the style can be seen in the Hardy House. These features include a bracketed cornice, single story porch supported with chamfered posts, arched window openings, semi-octagonal bays with jigsawed cresting, and elaborate entry surround. In addition, the Hardy House has retained its ornate plaster moldings, ceiling medallions, mantelpieces, and baseboards.

The Hardy House was built by Captain Hardy and his wife Ellen Hooker Hardy. Captain Hardy was born in Hillsboro, Mississippi. During the Civil War, he was a member of "Hoskins' Battery," and was said to have personally conducted guerilla warfare against General Sherman because the General's men had killed horses and dogs belonging to the Captain's family in Hillsboro (WPA, p. 76).

Following the war, Hardy moved to Brookhaven, Mississippi where he purchased land beside the railroad, established a farm, and developed a string of race horses. He hired Captain J. A. Hoskins to build his home, probably because of his association with Hoskins during the Civil War. Hardy married Ellen Hooker and raised six children: Will, Charles, Brooks, Monita, Ethel, and Annie. The house also became home to an extended family including two of Ellen Hardy's sisters: Bettie Hooker Brooks and her

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daughter Zula; and Martha Louise Hooker Ragsdale Atkins and her daughters Lulah, Nell and Florence.

Lulah Ragsdale became one of Mississippi's first female authors. She wrote extensively under the name Tallulah Ragsdale and published at least four books including: The Crime of Philip Guthrie (1892), A Shadow's Shadow (1893), Miss Dulcie from Dixie (1917), and If I See Green (1929). Miss Dulcie became a silent film in 1919 by Warner Brothers starring Gladys Leslie and directed by Joseph Gleason. Lulah graduated from Whitworth College in Brookhaven in 1878 and moved to New York where she studied acting and was cast in some minor stage parts. She also published several poems in New York and Mississippi newspapers and in Harper's Monthly and Harper's Weekly. She returned to Brookhaven to teach at Whitworth College and the Hardy House remained her home until her death in 1953.



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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: 4.2 acres

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	15	742240	3495580	C		
B				D		

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** See continuation sheet.

**Boundary Justification:** See continuation sheet.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title: Nancy H. Bell

organization:

street & number: P. O. Box 254

city or town: Vicksburg

date: June 14, 2006

telephone: 601-636-5010

state: MS zip code: 39181

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner(s)**

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name: Roy and Elena Segers

street & number: 205 Natchez Avenue

city or town: Brookhaven

telephone:

state: MS

zip code: 39601

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Section 9- Major Bibliographical References

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Section 10- Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is that section of land designated as Hardy Lands Survey, Block 6, Part Lots K, L, M, and N. Also all of Block 1 of the J.C. Hardy Subdivision Survey.

Boundary Justification

Boundaries follow property lines of the parcel of land upon which the nominated resource is located.

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The following information is the same for all photographs.

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Brookhaven, Lincoln County, Mississippi  
N. H. Bell, The Heritage Group  
May 2006

Photo 1 of 14  
Front (north) elevation

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Dining room mantel

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East elevation

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Parlor mantel

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West elevation

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Staircase

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Front porch- view to west

Photo 12 of 14  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor hall  
View to the north

Photo 5 of 14  
Front hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
View to the south

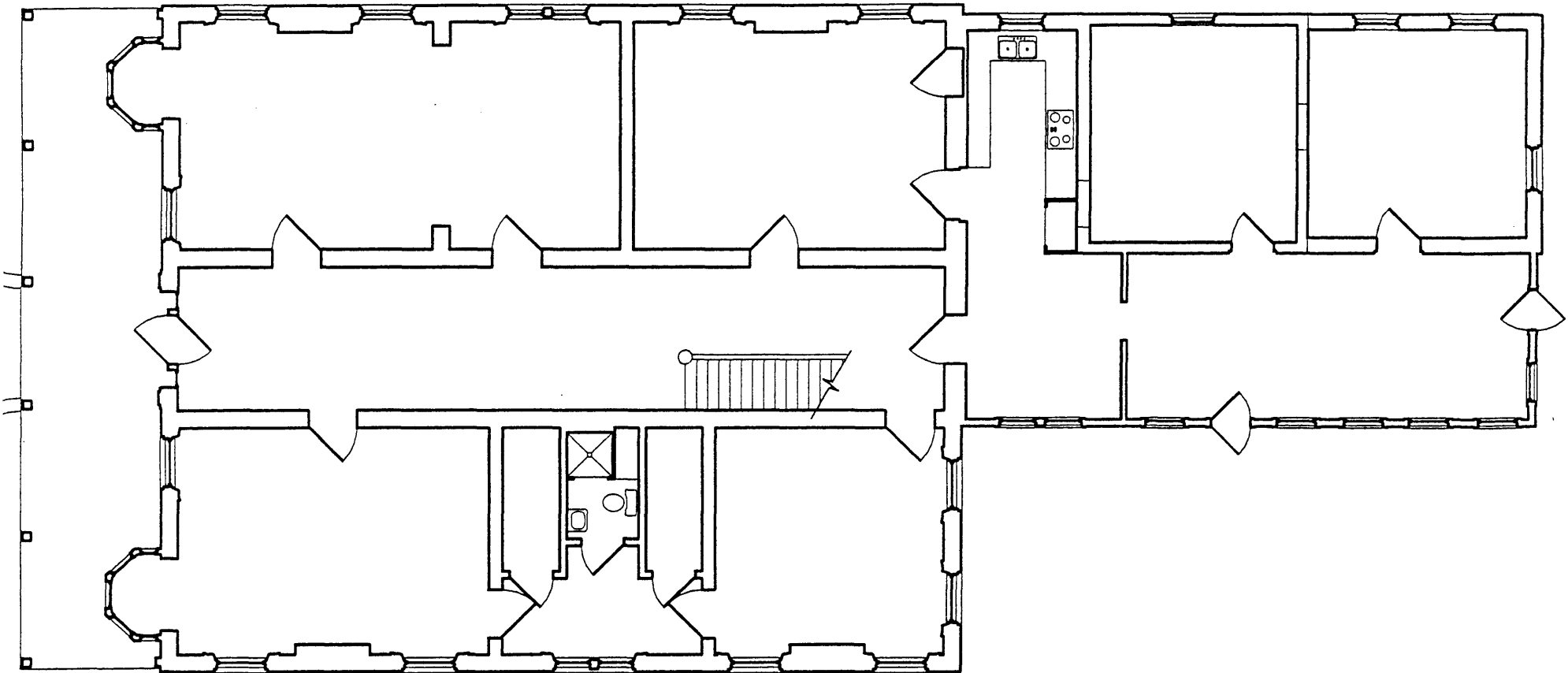
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NW Bedroom- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Doors to closets

Photo 6 of 14  
Representative door (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Interior of frame section of addition  
View to the south

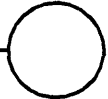
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Parlor- cornice

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Parlor- ceiling medallion

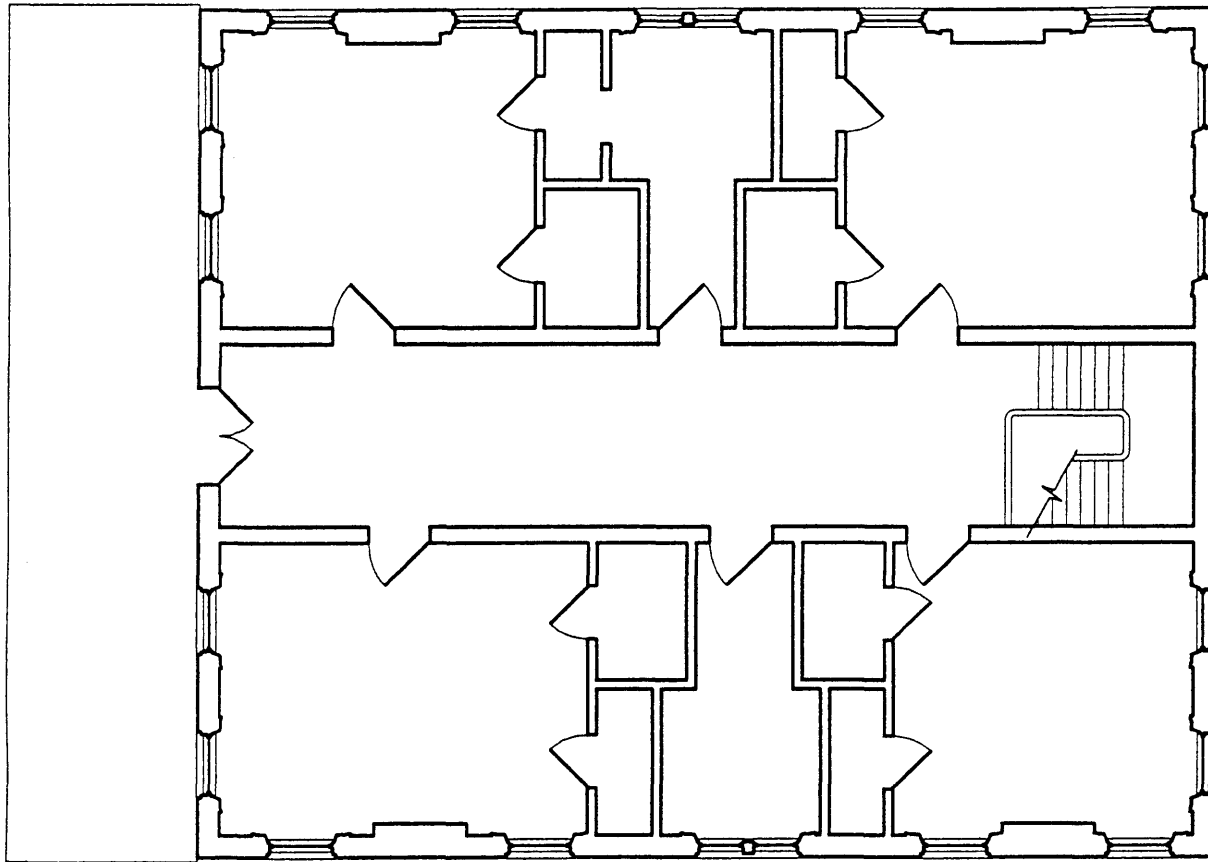


FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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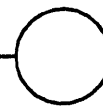


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EXISTING SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"



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