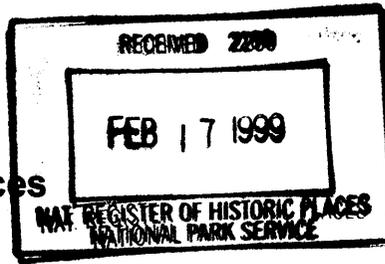


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Turley, John A., House  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 505 East Madison Street  not for publication N/A  
city or town Athens  vicinity N/A  
state Tennessee code TN county McMinn code 107 zip code 37303

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for 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.)  
Herbert L. Hays 2/12/99  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission  
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 certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 3/18/99

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Name of Property

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County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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

Contributing

Noncontributing

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	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

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls weatherboard

roof METAL

other WOOD, GLASS

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- 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.
- 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.

**Criteria Considerations** N/A

(Mark "X" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

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

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1887, 1925

**Significant Dates**

1887, 1925

**Significant Person**

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

UNKNOWN

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** 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:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Property

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County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than one acre

**UTM References**

**Athens, TN 125 NE**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Karen Daniels/Historic Preservation Planner  
organization Southeast Tennessee Development District date May 1998  
street & number 25 Cherokee Blvd., PO Box 4757 telephone 423 266-5781  
city or town Chattanooga state TN zip code 37405

**Additional Documentation**

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

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Berneice Lovelady  
street & number 505 E. Madison telephone 423 745-9523  
city or town Athens state TN zip code 37303

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

The John A. Turley House in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee is an 1887 two-story, Queen Anne style house. It has weatherboard siding with board marking the changing stories, a brick foundation and pressed metal tile roof. The house is located at 505 E. Madison Street in the Ingleside Addition to Athens.

The house has a gable front and wing plan with a two-thirds porch on the main facade and an entry porch on the northeast side. The rear porch was enclosed circa 1925 to create additional interior space. Another gable front rear addition was built to the house at the same time.

The house has two-over-two double-hung wood windows with wood surrounds. Corner boards are located on each corner of the building. There are four brick chimneys each with brick corbelling at the top.

The porches have identical detailing. The original porch features, except for the turned columns, were removed circa 1950. The porch columns were encased with wood. The current porch was created in the early 1990s before historic photographs were found that showed how the original porch looked. The existing porches have half round columns and half-round pilasters. The balustrade is made of turned wood placed to form squares. The vergeboards, which are original, are cutwork fans and panels with an angel motif that matches the staircase balustrade.

The main facade (southeast side), of the building has a gable front and a two-story, two-thirds porch. The gable has decorative woodwork separating the stories of the building and millwork in the gable over a multi-paned stationary light. There are doors onto each level of the porch. These doors have multi-paned windows with stained glass and clear glass. Stained glass transoms are over the doors and clear glass sidelights. There are paired windows in the gable and one window under the porch on each story.

The northeast facade of the building has a wood side porch over an entry door. The door is wood with nine lights and a transom above. There are two windows on the first floor and three on the second floor of the original building. There are flat board panels separating the floors. The gable addition has a side porch with lattice panels, and two windows paired on the first story and two windows on the second story.

The rear (northwest) facade shows only the circa 1925 addition and enclosed porch. The gable addition has two windows on each story. The enclosed porch has a doorway covered by a lattice porch, two ten light casement windows and one two-over-two double-hung window.

The southwest facade has two windows on each floor and flat board panels separating the floors.

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The interior of the building has many architectural features including beaded board wainscoting throughout the house, two and four panel doors, built-in shutters in the front gable windows, fireplaces in the main rooms, hardwood floors and transoms over the hall doors.

The interior plan of the house is a central hallway on each floor with one room on each side opening onto the hall. The house was divided into four apartments in the 1950s and there is no architectural evidence that the interior arrangement of rooms is not original. If the current room arrangement was created during the 1925 remodeling when the porches were enclosed the owners had all the interior features replaced at the same time. There are no seams in the interior plastering, baseboards, or flooring, and the wainscoting is the same throughout the house, including the interior apartment hallways.

The main hall contains the staircase to the second story. The staircase has open risers, a carved newel post and a balustrade made of panels with the same cutwork angel motif used on the exterior porch. The thirteenth stair panel is inverted.

The north first story apartment (Apartment 1) has a sitting room, two bedrooms, a dining room and a kitchen, that are each accessible from the hall which runs from the sitting room to the kitchen. The bathroom is accessible through one of the bedrooms. The hallway has a beaded board wainscot and plaster walls above. The doors have four panels with beaded surrounds and bulls-eye moldings.

The sitting room has a highly detailed fireplace, a built-in secretary and a window seat. The fireplace has an upper and lower mantel with a beveled edge mirror in between and carved shelves at the sides. Carved fans are above the shelves. Above the firebox there is a carved grid pattern. The firebox contains a cast iron cover with a pierced oval design. The secretary has five shelves with two ten-pane glass doors separated by a beaded board; there are three small drawers under the shelves but above the writing surface. On the desktop there are two paper organizers with curved sides and a drop leaf desk. There are four drawers under the desk. The secretary is surrounded by beaded board with bulls-eye moldings at the top corners. The window seat is wood and covers the steam heat radiators.

The bedroom adjacent to the sitting room contains a built-in cabinet with glass doors and drawers. The room has a beaded board wainscot and plaster walls. The floor is wood. The second bedroom contains the bathroom, which was added to the room circa 1925. The exterior wall of the bathroom has a wainscot. The bathroom fixtures and tile are circa 1950.

The dining room has plaster walls and a vinyl floor. The kitchen was created circa 1925 and has metal cabinets and a porcelain sink with drainboard. The floor is vinyl. The light fixtures throughout this unit, except the kitchen, are circa 1925 electric with glass globes.

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The second first story apartment (Apartment 2) has a sitting room, one bedroom and kitchen. The sitting room and bedroom have wainscot on the exterior walls and full plaster interior walls. It also has a fireplace with a cast iron insert and a mantel with bulls-eye molding and carved brackets. The doors are new bi-fold doors with the original beaded surrounds and bulls-eye moldings. The floors are wood except for the kitchen that has a vinyl floor. The kitchen has circa 1950 cabinets.

Apartment 3, on the north side of the second story, has a sitting room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bath. The sitting room has built-in shutters, wainscoting, and a fireplace with a carved mantel with beaded supports and bulls-eye moldings. The floor is wood. A hallway opens from the sitting room and the other rooms are accessible from the hall. The hall has plaster walls. The doors have four panels with beaded surrounds with bulls-eye moldings. The other rooms in the apartment have plaster walls, wood floors and doors with beaded surrounds with bulls-eye molding.

Apartment 4 has a sitting room, bedroom, kitchen, and bath. The rooms have plaster walls, wood floors, and four panel doors with beaded surrounds and bulls-eye molding. A short hall connects the kitchen and bath and the hall has a door that opens onto the stair landing.

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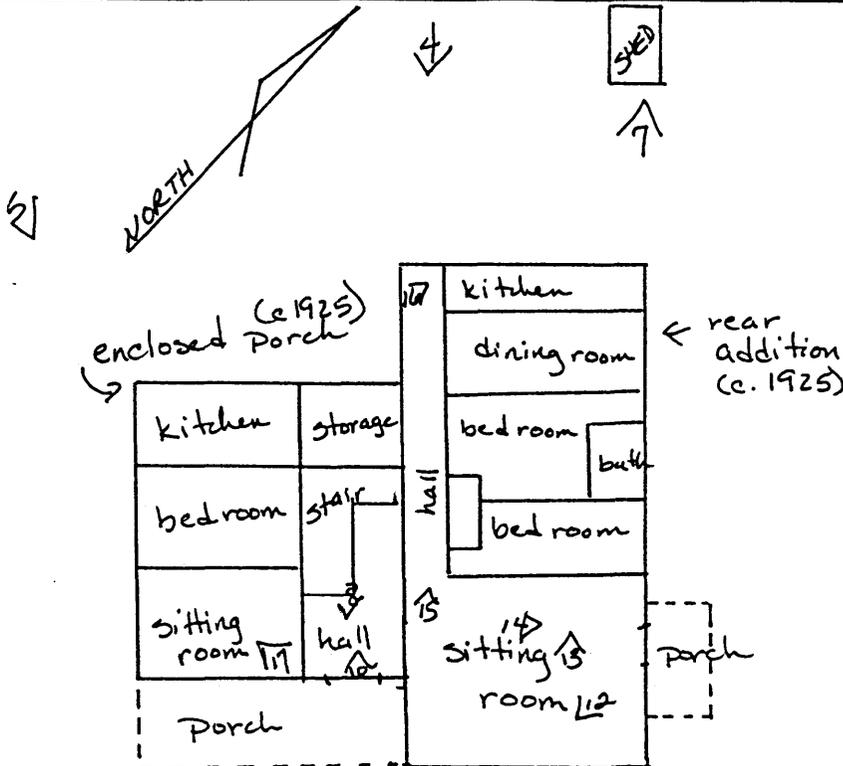
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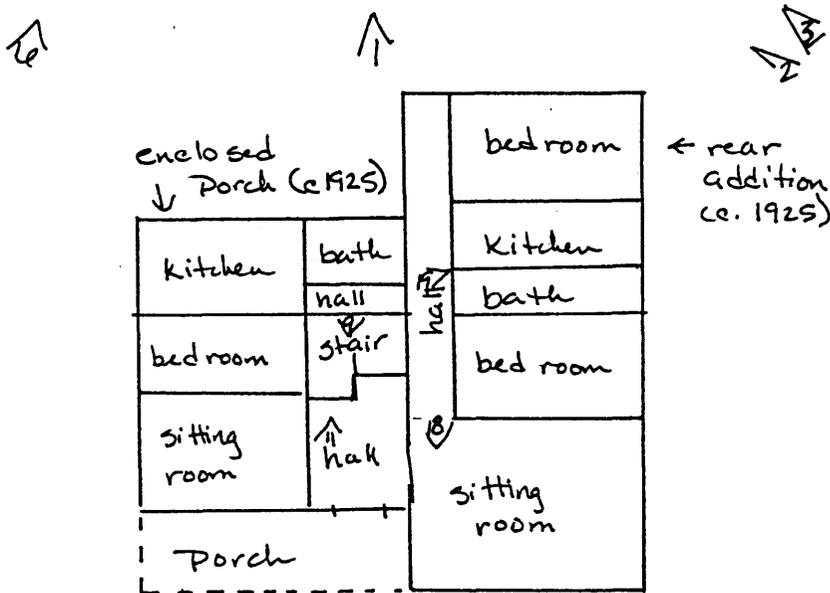
Floor Plans

Not to scale

First Floor



Second Floor



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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

The John A. Turley House located at 505 E. Madison Avenue in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C for its architectural significance to Athens. The house was the first house built in the affluent Ingleside Addition. The house has exceptional architectural detailing and is one of the most elaborate in the Ingleside Addition. There have been few changes to the house since its construction in 1887.

John A. and Mary Turley purchased the land for his house on Madison Avenue on March 12, 1887, for \$266 from the Athens Mineral Land and Improvement Company that was developing an addition to the town of Athens that would be settled by the wealthier citizens of Athens. The Turleys lived in the house with their eight children.

Turley was born in 1846 and had been a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war he was active in developing the Cog Hill Academy in Polk County and the Cane Creek Academy (begun in 1878) in Decatur, Meigs County.

Another interest of Turleys was politics. He served on the county commission, and ran for the State Senate. He was Chairman of the State Railroad Commission, Postmaster of Athens, and held a position in the Government Land Office.

John A. Turley was sworn in as a practicing attorney in 1886. In 1891 J. A. Turley and Sons opened a general goods store in the Magill Block on the courthouse square in Athens.

When Turley built his house in Athens he had already become a prominent citizen of Athens, one who had made his money through real estate speculation. It was because of this real estate speculation that the Turleys lost possession of the house in 1898 when the house was used as collateral on a promissory note. The economy had entered a depression and the Turleys were unable to pay the note. In May 1899 the house was purchased by a group of attorneys who sold it in November 1899 to Nellie B. Keith for \$2,200.

Nellie B. Keith moved into the house with her children, and lived there until her death in 1930. In 1932 her children Charles and Louise divided the lot which John A. Turley had purchased and sold the part containing the house to Laura Sherman.

Laura Sherman was the first wife of Tom Sherman, owner of the Sherman Concrete Pipe Company that had plants in Athens, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Florida. Tom Sherman owned the house until 1963 when the property was conveyed to his second wife, Sue Carter Sherman.

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In 1973 the property was sold to Richard Harold, Jr. and B. Stanby, and was sold in 1978 to Berneice Lovelady, the current owner.

The Ingleside addition of Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee was developed beginning in the 1880s for upper middle class residents of Athens. The Turley house, built in 1887, was the first house constructed in the addition. Construction of new houses continued through the 1920s and ended with the beginning of the depression in 1929. Houses built in the addition were two-story Queen Anne style or Colonial Revival style houses. The Queen Anne style houses were constructed between 1887 and circa 1893. The economic recession that began in 1893 ended new construction until after 1900. There were only two Queen Anne style houses built in the addition before the recession hit. The other house is adjacent to the Turley house, it is a two-and-a-half story frame building with wrap-around porch with a tower over the porch on the second story. An elaborately turned balustrade is on the porch, the roof is shingled with pressed metal shingles. The Colonial Revival style houses were built between 1900 and 1930, they have classical columns, window surrounds, symmetry, and cornice moldings of the style. There are also several Bungalow style houses that were built after 1920. They are primarily one-story with overhanging eaves, knee braces and massive porch supports.

The Ingleside addition was the only addition to be developed for the upper-class of Athens during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The Turley house is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture in Athens, and is an early example of houses built in this development in the town.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Verbal Description

The boundary of the John A. Turley house is identified on the accompanying Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee tax map number 54-N as batch G lot 7

### Boundary Justification

The property nominated is the property historically and currently associated with the John A. Turley House.

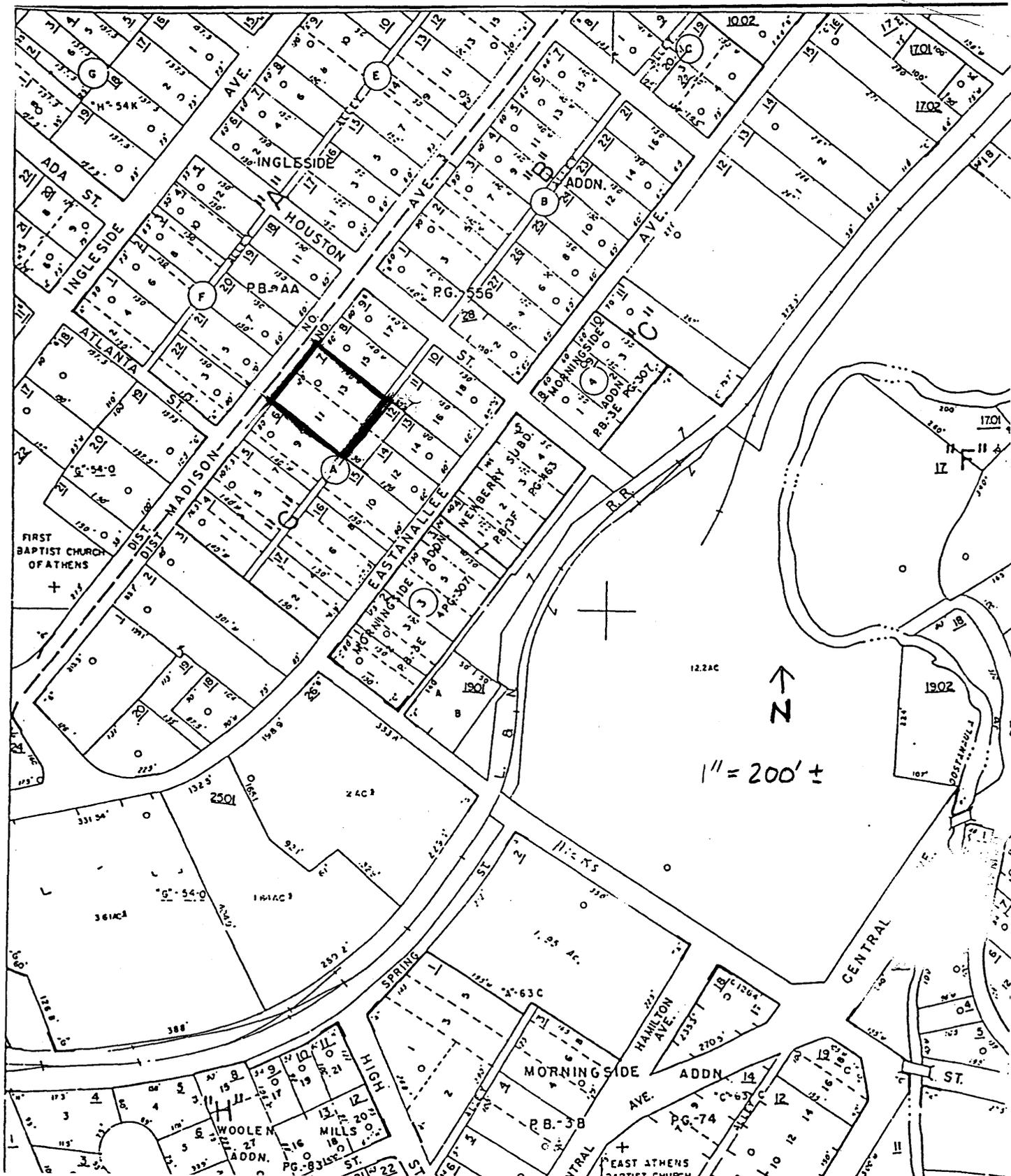
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## PHOTOGRAPHS

John A. Turley House  
Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee  
Photos by: Karen Daniels  
Date: December 1997  
Neg.: Tennessee Historical Commission  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Northwest (main) elevation

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Northwest and Southwest elevations

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Southwest elevation

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Southeast (rear) elevation

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Southeast and Northeast elevations.

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Northeast and Northwest elevations

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Shed.

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Entrance Door from interior

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Entrance hall and second story door from stair landing.

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Stair way and main hall

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Second story balustrade

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Sitting room of first floor south end apartment

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Built-in secretary of first floor south end apartment

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Fireplace in first floor south end apartment

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Interior hallway in first floor south end apartment

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Kitchen in first floor south end apartment

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Sitting room of first floor north end apartment

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Sitting room of second story south end apartment

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Bathroom of second story south end apartment