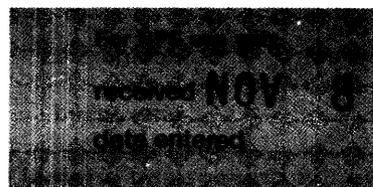


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Fitzpatrick Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 18 West Public Square N/A not for publication

city, town Washington N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Georgia code 013 county Wilkes code 317

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Fitzpatrick, Ltd.; Rodney Eaton, Jr., General Partner

street & number 211 South Jefferson Street

city, town Washington N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30673

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Wilkes County Courthouse

city, town Washington state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures Field Survey: Wilkes County, Ga. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Fitzpatrick Hotel, built in 1898, is a three-story brick Queen Anne style building located in the center of an historic commercial block on the west side of the courthouse square in downtown Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. Retail stores and a lobby occupy the ground floor, and hotel rooms, a restaurant and kitchen are located above.

The Fitzpatrick is a three-story rectangular block with one and two story extensions to the rear. The front facade of the building is divided into four bays by stone and brick plasters. On the ground floor, store fronts occupy the three bays to the south; the hotel entrance, protected by a canopy supported by cast iron columns that extends over the sidewalk occupies the northern bay. Two of the storefronts retain much of their original fabric; the third one and the lobby entrance have been modernized. The upper floors feature two two-story bay windows in the central bays and a southeast corner domed turret all clad with white-painted sheet metal embossed with garlands and swags. On the front all windows are one-over-one double-hung sash with stained glass transoms above. Those in the end bays have stone caps, flat arched on the second floor and round arched on the third. Stone string courses extend from the window sills and from the arch springing points of the third floor windows. Side and rear windows have four-over-four sash. The complex roofline features a metal cornice supported by corbeling and surmounted by a parapet that steps up around the tent roofs of the central bay windows. The word "Fitzpatrick" and "1898" in the parapet provide a central focus, chimneys project up through the parapet above the plasters and the onion domed roof of the turret highlights the southeast corner. The sides and rear of the structure are utilitarian with no decorative work at all.

The interior has plaster walls and wood floors throughout except in the front and rear lobby entrance areas where the floors are stone tile. Ceilings are wood in the stores and in the front lobby entry area and plaster almost everywhere else. The long narrow lobby has paneled wainscoting and an arcade along the north side that separate the single-run stairway with its solid paneled rail from the rest of the space. To the rear, an arched opening leads to a rear lobby area and several small rooms of unidentified use. Upstairs, in the three-story rectangular section facing the street, guest rooms open off a central hall. Ten guest rooms and three baths (two added in 1912) are located on each floor. Rooms have molded trim with patera blocks around windows and doors, glass transoms above hall doors, and picture moldings. Five guest rooms and the second floor northeast parlor have fireplaces with overmantels. The parlor has two sets of French doors which lead onto the lobby canopy roof. The main/stairway to the third floor, located along the north wall, and a secondary stairway at the end of the hall at the south wall have decorated newel posts and turned balusters. On the second floor, the dining room, kitchen and pantries extend to the rear. The large dining room is finished with a pressed metal ceiling, paneled wainscoting, wide doors with cornices and two fireplaces with mirrored overmantels. Knob and tube wiring, steam radiators dating from about 1912 and some original bathroom fixtures remain. The building has some areas where plaster is crumbling off walls, but it is in remarkably good condition considering it has been unoccupied since the 1950's. One totally altered storefront and new entrance doors to the lobby are the only major changes. Only a railing around the entrance canopy roof is missing.

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Surveys

The Fitzpatrick Hotel received a Preliminary Certification of Significance from the Preservation Services Division, National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office on February 23, 1982.

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The hotel is located in the center of an historic commercial block facing the courthouse square. Nineteenth century brick buildings flank the hotel. The building fronts on the sidewalk leaving no space for landscaping. An eleven foot alley separates the hotel from the building to the south. The property behind the hotel is unpaved, unlandscaped and untended and used for parking.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1898 **Builder/Architect** Golucke and Stewart, Architects

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Fitzpatrick Hotel is historically significant in the areas of architecture, commerce, and local history. In terms of architecture, the Fitzpatrick is a fine example of late-nineteenth century hotel design in a mid-sized Georgia town. Its Queen Anne style design and detailing are particularly outstanding for a hotel in a town of this size. In terms of commerce, the building is significant as an intact example of the hotels located in Georgia's county seats to serve local and county citizens with courthouse business, traveling salesmen (drummers) and out of town visitors. The hotel was one of the largest commercial enterprises in downtown Washington and contributed significantly to the economic development of the city. In terms of local history, the hotel is significant as an important local gathering place for meetings, eating and visiting.

The Fitzpatrick is a fine example of the "modern" hotels built in many of Georgia's county seats around the turn-of-the-century. Its three stories, load bearing brick construction, general layout and interior finish details are typical of small town hotels of this period. The Queen Anne detailing of the exterior, identified by the rich mixture of building materials, textures and forms, is particularly fine for such a building. Brick, stone, metal, a corner turret, a balcony, bay windows, stained glass, garlands and swags are combined here in a lively yet coherent manner. Interior detailing and finishes are commensurate with the exterior. The hotel is one of the largest and most impressive buildings in downtown Washington, and it makes an invaluable contribution to the courthouse square.

The Fitzpatrick Hotel was designed by Golucke and Stewart, a late-nineteenth century Atlanta firm. James W. Golucke (1865-1907) together with George Wilson Stewart (1862-1937) designed five Georgia courthouses and Golucke alone designed about fifteen more. Golucke was an important architect who in addition to the courthouses designed banks, churches and other hotels. Stewart, about whom little is known except that he practiced by himself after 1900, acted as assisting architect for the Candler Building (1903-1906) in Atlanta, listed in the National Register.

In terms of commerce the hotel is significant as a reasonably intact example of Georgia's county seat hotels which at the turn-of-the-century served travelers with courthouse business in addition to salesmen and other visitors. Many, like the Fitzpatrick, combined a hotel with first floor stores. The Fitzpatrick was conveniently located on the courthouse square at the termination of the mule-drawn train which brought travelers from the railroad depot seven blocks away.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately one-half acre

Quadrangle name Washington East, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property consists of the acreage presently associated with the hotel building.

See sketch map

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher
Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date October 5, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street S.W. telephone 404-656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 10/29/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Forrest W. Douglas date 12/17/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 12/7/82
Chief of Registration

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Washington, laid out in 1780, is located in the midst of highly productive farming country where by the early 1800's, cotton was King. It prospered as the market center for the region until the Civil War when the end of the slave economy brought financial ruin to the town. Recovery was slow but by the 1890's a period of growth and prosperity had begun. The community was incorporated as a city in 1899 and that same year a new courthouse, completed in 1904, was begun. In 1895, a devastating fire destroyed the entire block west of the square, including property owned by two brothers, T. M. and J. H. Fitzpatrick. In 1898, realizing the prime location of their site, and participating in the upswing of commercial activity of the period, they began construction of the Fitzpatrick Hotel. In 1900, the Fitzpatrick was one of two "modern" hotels in town that could boast of running water, electric lights and an elevator. However, not until 1912 did the hotel have more than one bathroom per floor. The hotel operated under several owners and names, becoming increasingly less profitable as the automobile became more generally available, until in the 1950s the hotel and restaurant were closed leaving only the stores in operation.

In terms of local history, the hotel is significant for the function it served as a local meeting place, eating and visiting place. For many years it housed Washington's only restaurant. During the 1920s, after the boll weevil caused the collapse of the cotton based economy still dominant in Washington, a group of men known as the Boll Weevil Club used the hotel's rocking chairs as their informal gathering place.

Several events that occurred at the hotel became a part of Washington's popular history. Accounts of a 1900 banquet held in the hotel restaurant and attended by many of Washington's notable citizens and the 1900 stay of a team of scientists from MIT in order to witness a solar eclipse appear in much of the historical literature about the town.

The architectural and historical significance of the Fitzpatrick Hotel support its National Register eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C. The hotel is a fine intact example of a late nineteenth century county seat hotel in Georgia. It documents an important period of commercial growth in Washington and throughout Georgia and as such is eligible in terms of Criteria A. Architecturally, its typical late-nineteenth century building materials, workmanship and technology, its relatively rare use, for Georgia, of the Queen Ann style for a commercial building, and its association with the noted architect J. W. Golucke, support its eligibility in terms of Criteria C.

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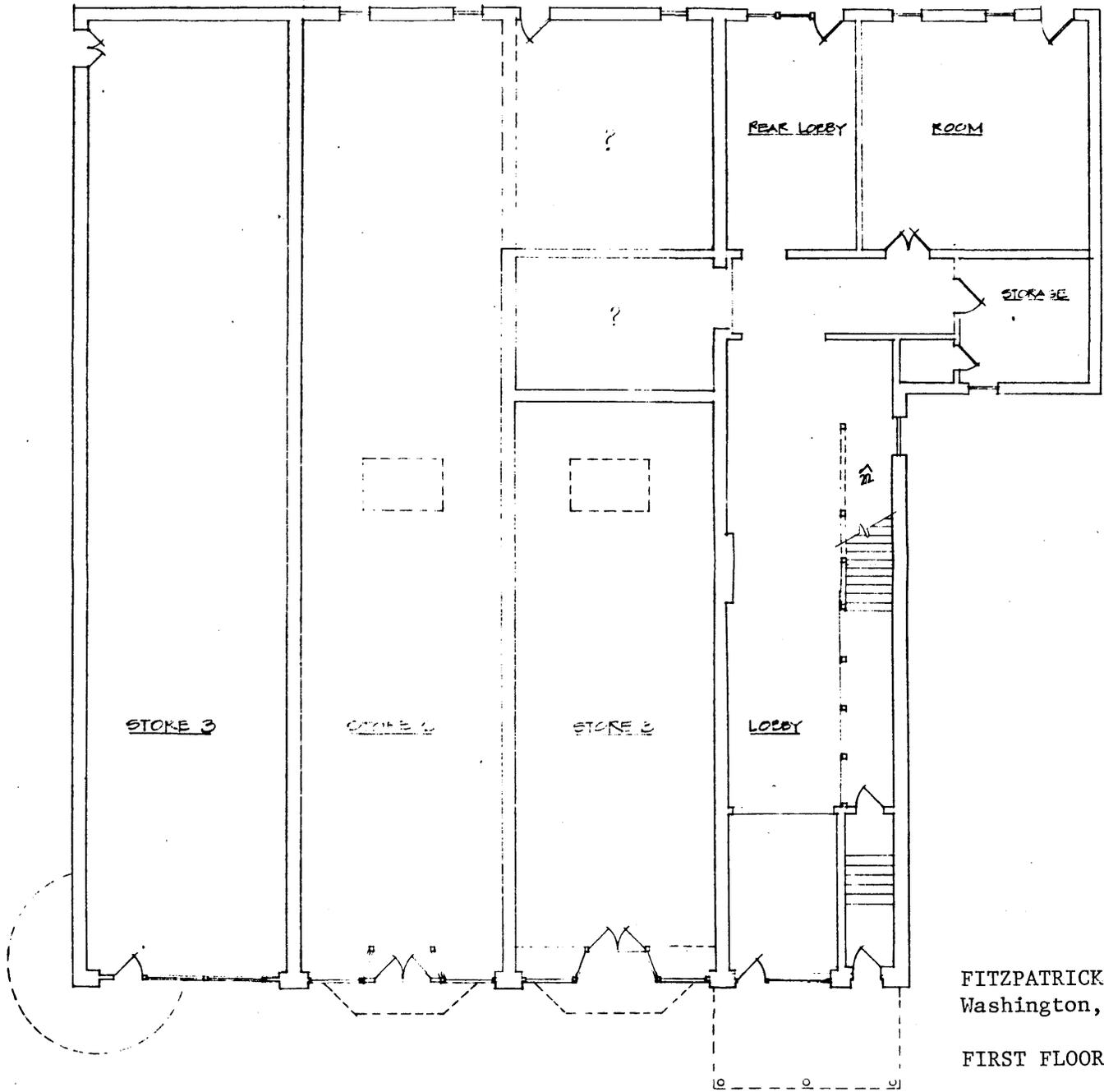
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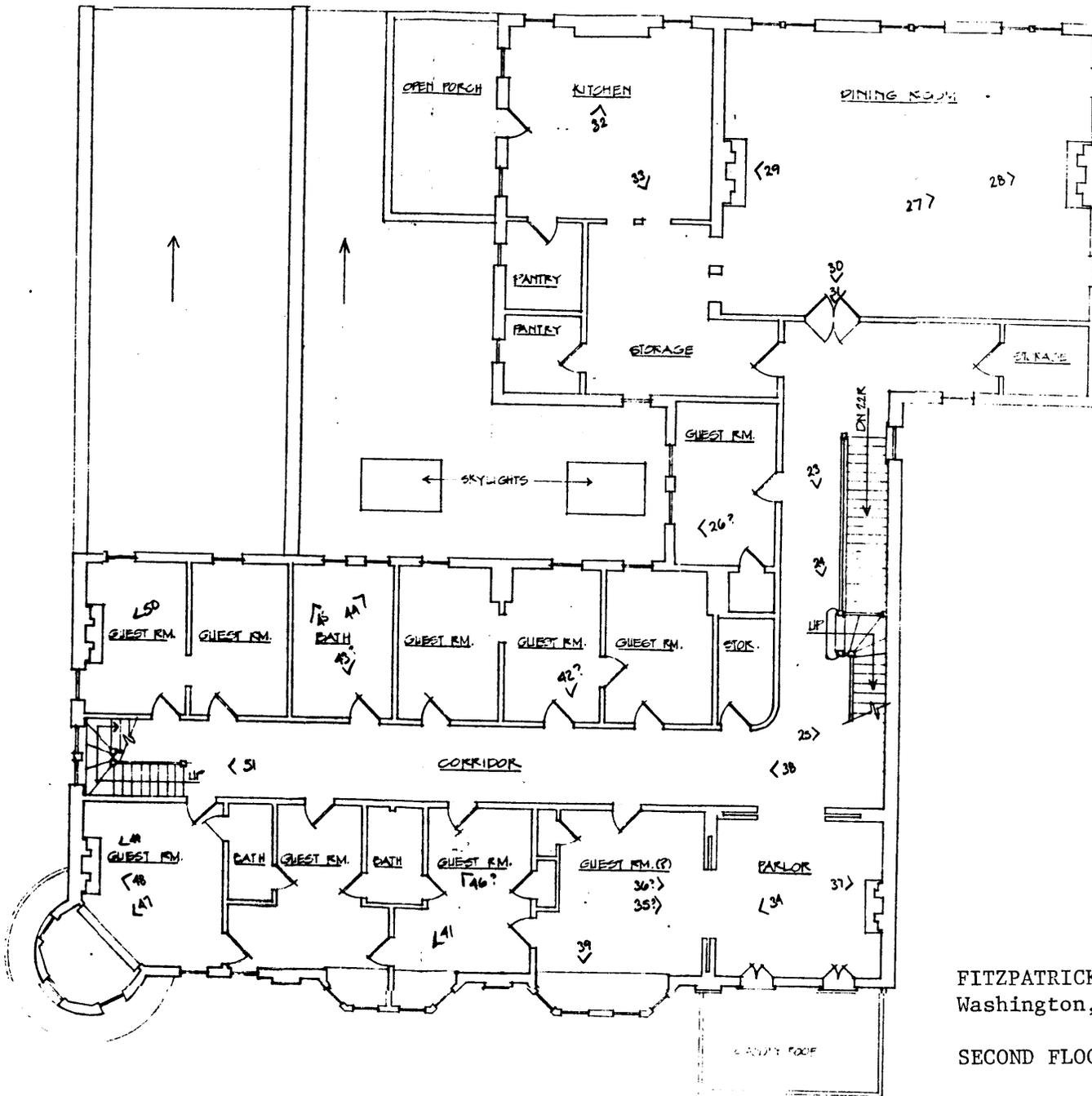
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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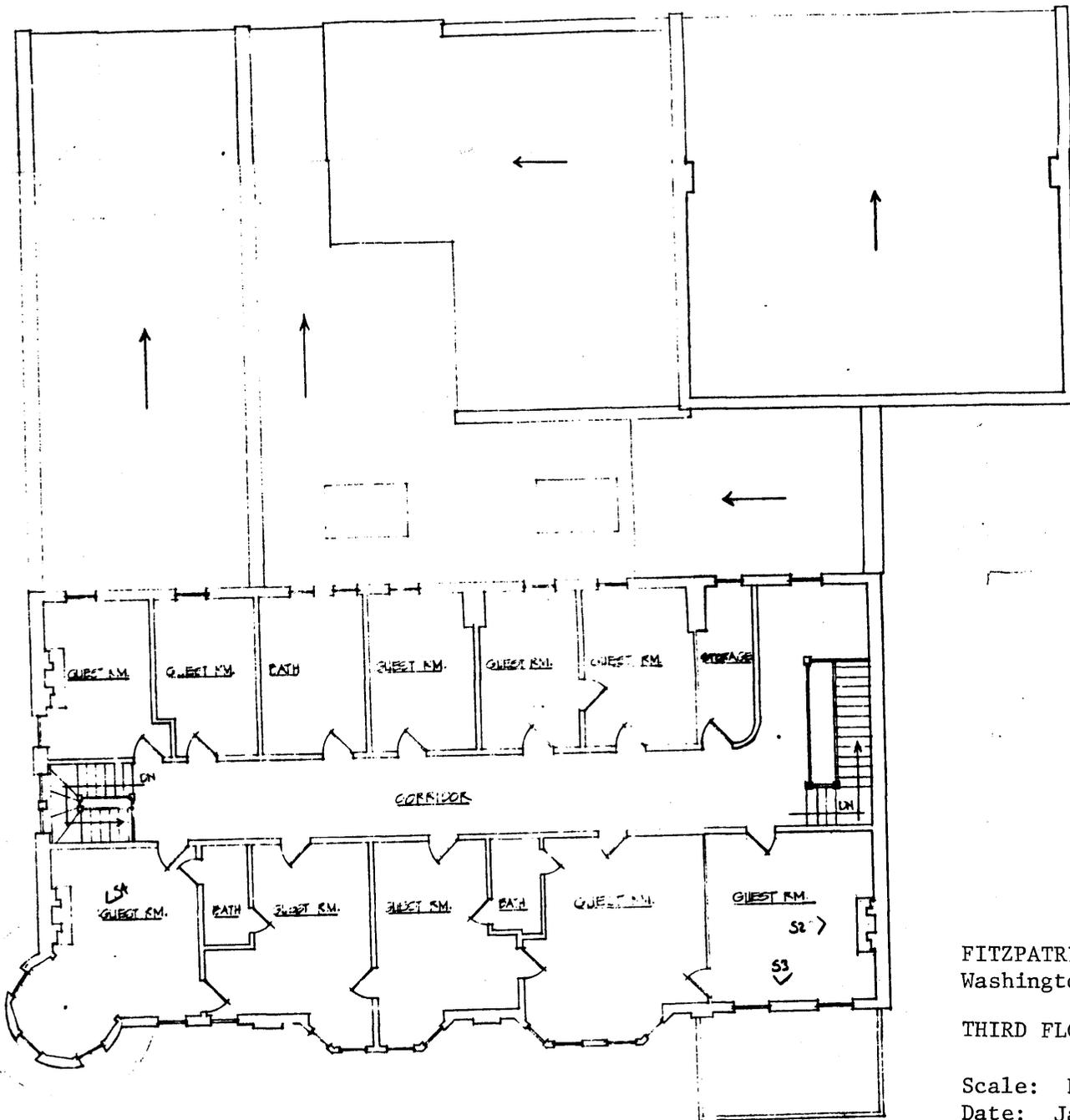
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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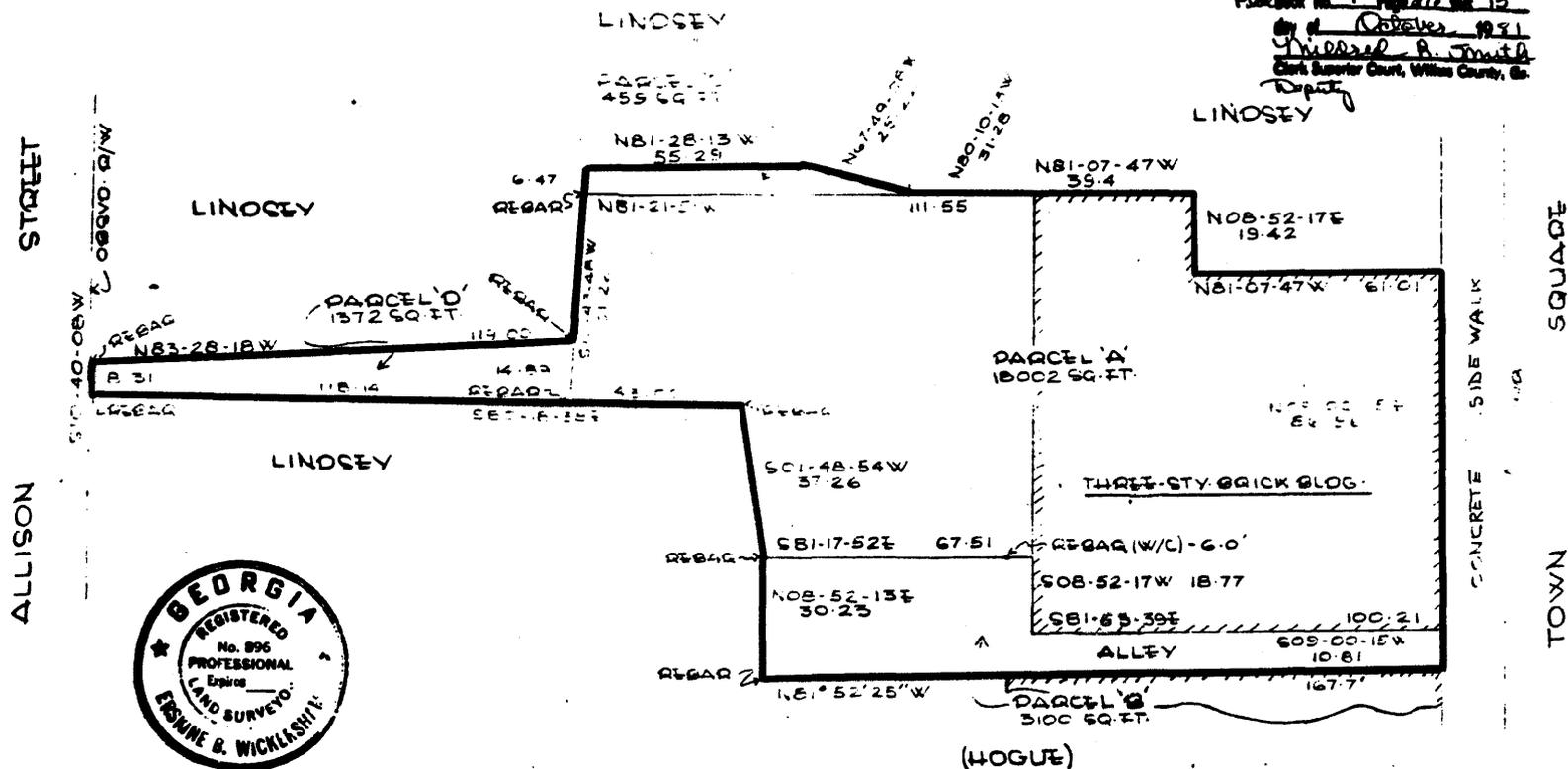
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SURVEY NOTES

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2. DWG. NO. G2E36
3. INSTR. - LETICIA STEPHENS vs. CHARLES LEGETTE, JR. - BAL - CRANFALL ET AL. - 123000

GEORGIA, Wilkes County
 I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record in the Clerk's Office Superior Court, Wilkes County on the 12 day of October, 1981
 11:45 o'clock A.M. and Recorded in PDR Book No. 7 Page 117 of 15
 day of October, 1981
 Michael A. Smith
 Clerk Superior Court, Wilkes County, Ga.
 Deputy



FITZPATRICK HOTEL
 Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

PROPERTY SKETCH MAP

Source: Surveyor's Map

Date: September, 1981

North: ↑

Property Boundary: —————

CHARLES LEGETTE, JR. - ATTY.