

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Braswell-Carnes House

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 2430 Burnt Hickory Road, N.W. N/A not for publication

city, town Marietta N/A vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Cobb code 067

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Louise G. Shelley

street & number 91 Holland Street, N.W.

city, town Marietta N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30064

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Cobb County Courthouse

city, town Marietta state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:

title Cobb County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

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

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Braswell-Carnes House is a one-story, frame structure consisting of six rooms, large central hall and U-shaped porch. All are the original structure of 1865 except the sides of the porch and the kitchen. The house is made from hand-hewn beams covered with weatherboard. The U-shaped porch surrounds much of the original structure and is reached by high steps at the front and side steps on the east side of the house. The porch roof is supported by fancy Victorian columns and brackets as ornamentation. The porch has simple, vertical balusters. Exterior windows on the front have curved lintels. All windows in the original structure have shutters.

The interior consists of six rooms, two on either side of the central hall, three parallel to them, and a kitchen. The two front rooms have fourteen-foot ceilings and open off the large central hall. They are now used as a living room and a bedroom. The central hall leads to three smaller rooms with seven-foot ceilings. The low ceilings were typical of Plantation Plain houses. The middle of the three rooms is used as a dining room and is flanked by a bathroom/utility room and a study. Opening off the dining room is a large kitchen. A paved patio is just outside the kitchen door. The interior floors are wide oak and pine boards; the walls are made of wide planks, save for those of the study, which have been sheetrocked. Most of the original doors and their hardware remain. Simple, original wood mantels remain in the two front rooms, although the fireplaces have been closed except for gas logs in the living room. The house's original hand-hewn log support structure remains and is visible from underneath the front of the house. It sits on rock piers of native stone.

The house is situated in a natural setting with many trees, flowers and shrubs, blending in with nearby woods and a lake. A modern ranch-style house is adjacent and houses are being built across the highway. Historic outbuildings were demolished, save for the old well, which has a new well cover made of planks from the old barn. A new smokehouse was built of wood from destroyed buildings, also. There are rock terraces and a rock wall at the property's roadside. The yard retains an earlier look by its informal landscaping and lack of grass.

Changes to the house include the extension of the porch in 1910 to create its present U shape. The back porch was enclosed to become the present dining room, and the kitchen was moved in 1913 from the detached log cabin which housed both the kitchen and dining room until this time into the room of the original house now used as a bathroom/utility room. The large country kitchen was added in 1936 to the rear of the house. In 1967, water was supplied to the house and the 1913 kitchen converted to a bath/utility room. The 1982 restoration included opening up a bar-type space between the dining room and kitchen areas and adding a new roof.

# 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                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/<br>humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–     | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local History              |

**Specific dates** 1861–66                      **Builder/Architect** Unknown other than owner

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Braswell-Carnes House is significant in architecture and local history. In architecture, the house is significant as a good example of domestic architecture prevailing at the time of the Civil War. The predominant style of a Georgia farmhouse or plantation house was the Plantation Plain style, usually a two-story dwelling. For the Georgia Piedmont region, the Plantation Plain style was often revised to a one-story dwelling, as is this case. The house reflects the use of local building materials, with its native-rock underpinnings, and plank boards as siding, interior walls, original plank floors, and ceilings, and hand-hewn, heavy timber framing, as well as a little ornamentation such as decorative detail work beneath the windows of the two front rooms. In its added porch details, it reflects the influence of late-Victorian styles. In local history, the house is significant as the home of Ephraim Braswell (1836–1882), who farmed the 100 acres he received from his father-in-law, Josiah Wallis, shortly after Braswell's marriage in 1861 to Martha Ann Eugenia Wallis. It is significant that as a returning Civil War veteran, he completed this home around 1865–66 and that here he raised his growing family. Very few homes can be documented as belonging to this specific time period. After Braswell's early demise, the house was purchased by James Davis Carnes (1851–1937) in 1898. Carnes was a farmer who arranged sharecropping for most of his extensive holdings. The house remains in the Carnes family.

These areas of significance support the property's eligibility under National Register criteria B and C.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Shelley, Louise G., "Historic Property Information Form," 1982, based on family records, county courthouse records, county history, maps, newspapers, old photographs, and interviews.  
 Carnes, Dr. James Donald, additional information in letter of December 17, 1982.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 12,796 acres  
 Quadrangle name Marietta, Georgia Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

|   |                   |   |  |   |                   |   |  |
|---|-------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|---|--|
| A | <u>1</u> <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>4</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>9</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u> | B | <u>1</u> <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>9</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u> |
|   | Zone              | Easting   | Northing   |   | Zone              | Easting   | Northing   |
| C | <u>1</u> <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>6</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>6</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u> | D | <u>1</u> <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>7</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> |
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is all that the owner owns associated with this house at this location and is the remaining intact historic acreage associated with this property. It is delineated on the enclosed plat map.

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

| state | N/A | code | county | code |
|-------|-----|------|--------|------|
| state |     | code | county | code |

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian  
Historic Preservation Section  
 organization Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources date December 19, 1983  
 street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone (404) 656-2840  
 city or town Atlanta state Georgia

# 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 date 1/6/84  
 title State Historic Preservation Officer

**For NPS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
for Belores Lyon Entered in the 3/1/84  
 Keeper of the National Register date  
 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date  
 Chief of Registration

SKETCH MAP/PLAT MAP

Braswell-Carnes House  
 Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia  
 Scale: 1" = 160'  
 Source: C. E. Phillips, Land Surveyor  
 Date: 1981  
 Key: The nominated property is all that designated on the plat.

I certify that this plat is correct and is a true representation of existing conditions.  
 Signed: Clifton E. Phillips

L.L. No. 280

388°30'W - 673'

L.L. No. 291

90°27'

506' to Taylor Road

42°00'

12.796 ACRES

Scale: 1" = 100'

Billy Deon

107°56'

371°40'E - 225'

107°56'

50°30'W - 412'



6232'

Robert L. Sanders  
 Lynda and  
 Shelley Sanders

726' to Taylor Road

Burnt

212°  
 571°40' E  
 Hickory

House 2430



Total = 5222'

27322'E

279°16'

124°

583°38'E

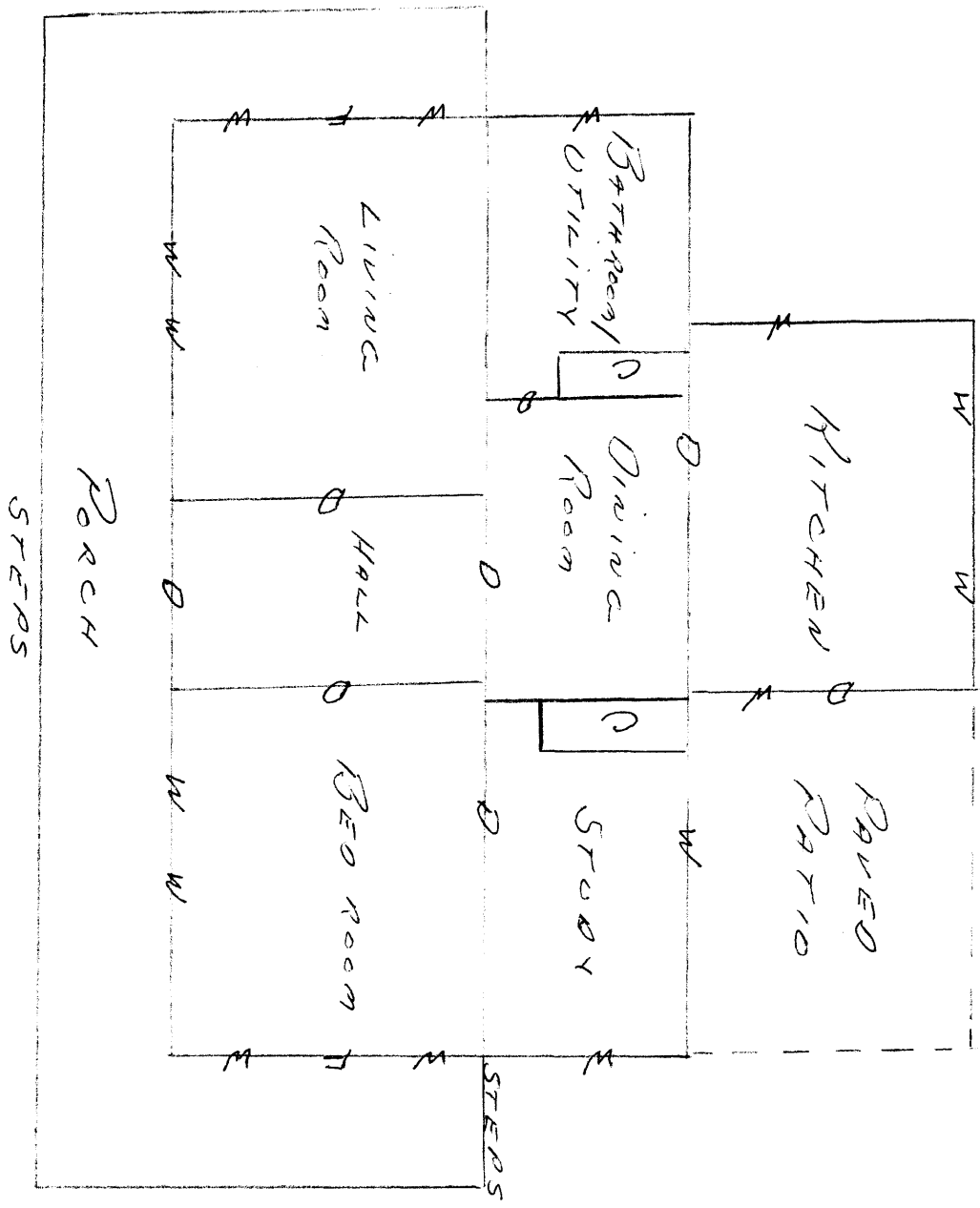
80°11'

14448' to New Salem Road

McDaniel Road

Plat Made for Louise G. Shelley  
 Located in L.L. No. 291 - 20<sup>th</sup> District -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> section - Cobb County - Georgia  
 Area = 12.796 ACRES  
 Clifton E. Phillips - Surveyor  
 Oct. 7, 1981

NOTE: LIVING & BED ROOM ROOMS ARE IDENTICAL & INTERCHANGEABLE, DEPEND ON PREFERENCE OF PERSON LIVING THERE. STUDY CAN BE USED FOR SMALL BED ROOM.



D - Door  
 W - Window  
 F - Fireplace  
 C - Closet

FLOOR PLAN

BRASWELL-CARNES HOUSE  
 Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia

Scale: Not to scale  
 Source: Drawn by Louise G. Shelley  
 Date: 1982  
 Key: Use of rooms marked on the plan

WELL

DAVE CARNES' HOME  
 17 AUG 1982  
 Louise G. Shelley

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