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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Brightwell Shotgun Row
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 366-376 Barber Street
city, town Athens
county Clarke code 059
state Georgia code GA zip code 30605

() vicinity of

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property:

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

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

buildings	6	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	6	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Architecture of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia: Shotgun Houses (approved by the National Park Service on August 23, 1996).

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Richard C. Cloer
Signature of certifying official

5-3-01
Date

for W. Ray Luce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

Edson R. Beall 6-14-01

for
Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Domestic: multiple dwelling

Current Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: double-shotgun house

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Wood: weatherboard
roof	Asphalt
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Brightwell Shotgun Row is a complex of six, closely spaced, double-shotgun houses located on Barber Street north of downtown Athens and adjacent to the Boulevard Historic District. Built between 1935 and 1940, the six nearly identical double-shotgun houses are set back-to-back in two rows with three facing Barber Street and a second row of three facing Crawford Avenue, a small, unpaved lane at the rear of the property.

Each house is clad in beveled wood siding and set on brick piers with a recessed concrete foundation. The front-gable roofs are covered with galvanized sheet metal. Brick chimneys are set at the ridgeline. The symmetrical facades feature two doors and two windows. A few original paneled doors remain. The windows are two-over-two double-hung sashes on the front façade and nine-over-nine sashes along the sides. Full-width front porches span the main facades; smaller enclosed porches at the rear functioned as bathrooms and utility rooms.

Historically, the interior plan of each shotgun house featured four principal rooms and the enclosed rear porch. A wall running from front to back divided the interior into two separate side-by-side living spaces. Coal-burning fireplaces heated the front rooms.

The interior plans now include openings in the common wall when the buildings were converted from multiple-family to single-family occupancy. Interior finishes are plain. Coal burning fireplaces are located back-to-back and have no mantles. In some houses, baseboards and tongue-in-groove paneling survive.

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Section 7--Description

In 1997, the current property owner rehabilitated the six shotgun houses according to the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. The project received final certification from the Tax Incentives Program, Technical Preservation Branch, National Park Service on December 6, 1999.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Ethnic Heritage: Black
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance:

c.1935-1950.

Significant Dates:

c.1935-1940 – Helen Brightwell built six double shotgun houses on Barber Street.

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

N/A

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Section 8—Statement of Significance

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Brightwell Shotgun Row is significant in the areas of architecture because shotgun houses, one of Georgia's better-known house types, have become increasingly rare with only forty-five shotguns and sixteen double-shotguns identified in Clarke County in 1994. The Brightwell shotguns represent six of only twenty-eight double shotguns identified in the 1947 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. The Brightwell Shotgun Row is important as an urban form composed of two ranks of three buildings, the only back-to-back arrangement identified in Clarke County.

According to *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings*, shotgun houses may be single-family dwellings, whereas, the double shotgun serves as a duplex or a multiple-family dwelling. The six Brightwell shotguns are characteristic of the double shotgun with two residential units that share a common wall. Doorways are aligned from front to rear with no hallway.

The multiple property nomination form, "Architecture of Athens-Clarke County: Shotgun Houses," identifies the urban shotgun row district and the urban single shotgun. A shotgun row district is defined as a group of three or more shotgun buildings that are contiguous to each other and face a common street. The Brightwell shotguns are unusual because of building type and arrangement. The double shotgun form is limited almost entirely to Georgia's ten largest cities. In addition, urban shotgun row districts are commonly found on only one side of the street. The context notes that it is rare to find a street in Athens with shotgun houses on both sides of the street. The double row, back-to-back arrangement appears to be uncommon and thus is an important character-defining feature of the property.

The Brightwell Shotgun Row is specifically identified in section E on page 8 in the multiple property nomination form, "Architecture of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia: Shotgun Houses." In addition, the Brightwell shotguns meet the registration requirements in section F, page 14-15. The registration requirements state that urban shotguns must retain a high level of historic integrity; consist of more than three contiguous shotguns facing a common street; establish a rhythm through the closely spaced buildings and consistent setbacks; and may feature small shed-roofed additions at the rear of the buildings, which are part of the historic development of the buildings. The Brightwell Shotgun Row meets each of these criteria.

The Brightwell Shotgun Row is significant in the areas of black ethnic history and community planning and development because the six shotgun houses represent African-American settlement patterns in Athens during the first half of the 20th century. The Brightwell Shotgun Row is located north of downtown Athens in an African-American neighborhood known historically as New Town.

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The New Town neighborhood developed mostly on the north side of the Seaboard rail line, which separated the African-American neighborhood from the Boulevard neighborhood, a white streetcar suburb located between New Town and downtown. Beginning in the 1890s, New Town formed north of the rail line to serve industries along the Seaboard Railroad, such as the Gulf Refining Company, Standard Oil Company, and Southern Cotton Oil Company, the R.L. Moss Manufacturing Co., and the Talmadge Brothers Corn Mill. Numerous dwellings were built along Athens, Savannah, Augusta, Atlanta, and Cleveland avenues. In addition to dwellings, New Town also includes schools, churches, and small commercial buildings.

National Register Criteria

A and C.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance begins in c.1935 when Helen Brightwell built the first three double-shotgun houses and ends in 1950 (the fifty-years-of-age cut off) to include the period when the buildings served as housing for African-American tenants.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The six shotguns occupy the entire National Register property. There are no other buildings, structures, sites, or objects associated the nomination.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

In 1934, Helen Brightwell purchased the undeveloped shotgun property and the next year built the three double-shotguns along Boulevard and completed the remaining three by 1940. City directories from the 1940s record one family residing in each building indicating the double shotguns were converted to single-family dwellings soon after their construction. The directories also indicate that the occupants were primarily working-class African Americans, including a laundress, cook, mechanic, janitor, presser, laborer, fireman, and gardener.

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In 1944, Bertha Jones, a nurse, and her husband M. C., a bellman at the Holman Hotel, purchased the property from Helen Brightwell's estate and continued to let the houses. Clifford L. Brooks purchased the property in 1987. Brooks sold the shotguns to Addie G. and Waverly Brinkley, Dorothy Grier, Harry Campbell, and Gloria Johnson in 1992. After having been vacant for many years, the houses were purchased by the current owner, Thomas Wells Scott, III, who rehabilitated them. The houses are now rented by students at the nearby University of Georgia in Athens.

The addresses of the Brightwell shotguns changed after 1947. Current and historic addresses are listed below:

366 Barber Street (current); 386 Barber Street (historic).
368 Barber Street (current); 392 Barber Street (historic).
370 Barber Street (current); 396 Barber Street (historic).
372 Barber Street (current); 386R or 386-1/2 Barber Street (historic).
374 Barber Street (current); 392R or 392-1/2 Barber Street (historic).
376 Barber Street (current); 396R or 396-1/2 Barber Street (historic).

9. Major Bibliographic References

Callahan, Monica H. National Register Registration Form. "Brightwell Shotgun Row." On file as the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, Atlanta, Georgia.

Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources. *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in their Landscaped Settings*. Atlanta: Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 1991.

Morgan, Julie. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form: Architecture of Athens-Clarke County: Shotgun Houses, unpublished report, Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, May 27, 1992.

U.S. Department of Agriculture. Aerial Photography, 1938, 1944, 1951. Map Room, University of Georgia Science Library.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (x) N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
date issued:
- 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, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 0.41 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 279590 Northing 3760800

Verbal Boundary Description

The property boundary is indicated by a heavy black line on the attached map, drawn to scale.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire lot historically associated with the Brightwell Shotgun Row.

11. Form Prepared By

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telephone (404) 656-2840 **date** April 15, 2001

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city or town Athens **state** Georgia **zip code** 30603

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Photographs

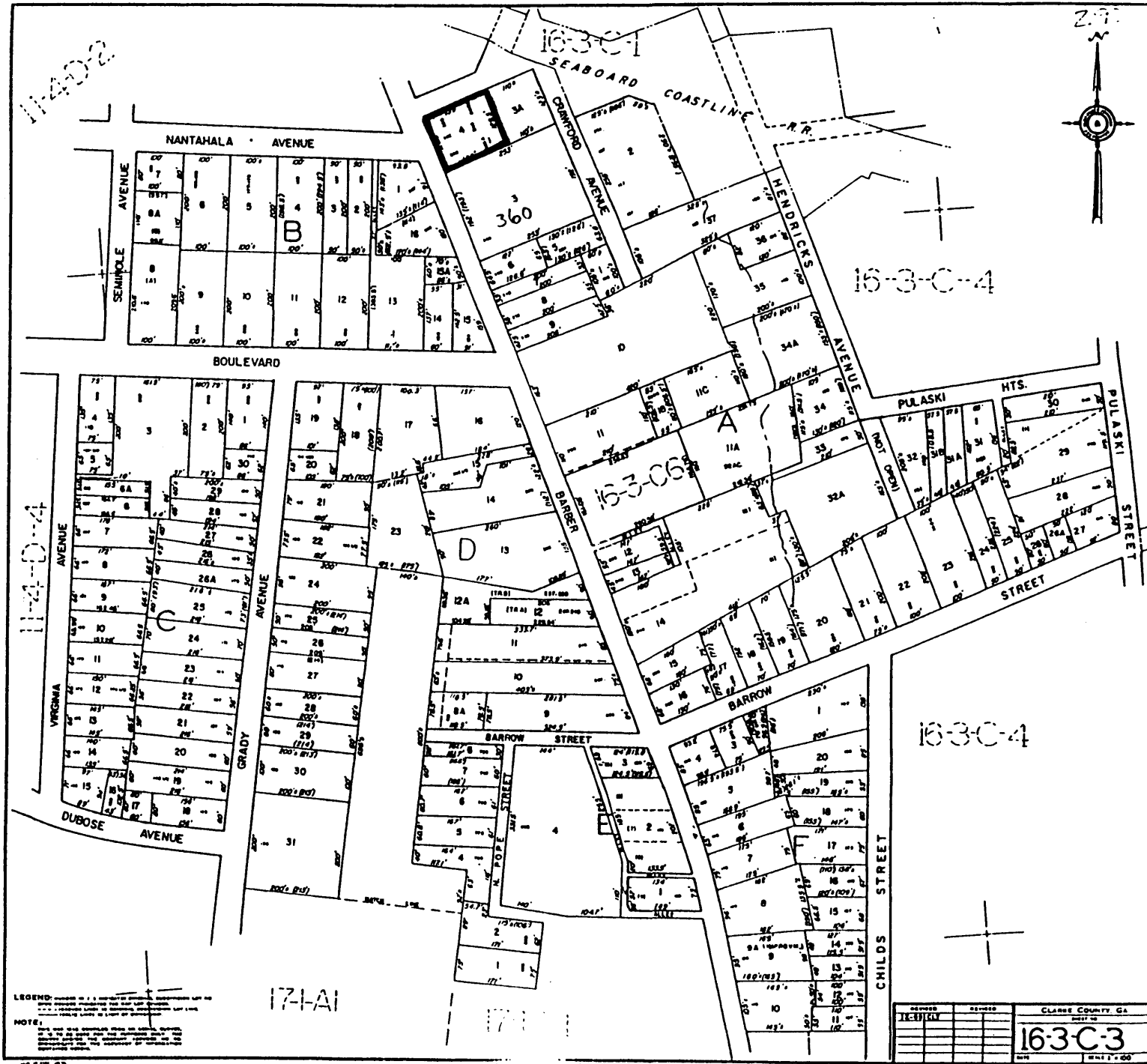
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City or Vicinity: Athens
County: Clarke
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: May 2000

Description of Photograph(s):

1. Barber Street (facing) shotguns, photographer facing northeast.
2. Barber Street (facing) shotguns, photographer facing east.
3. Barber Street (facing) shotguns, photographer facing northeast.
4. Barber Street (facing) shotguns, 368 Barber Street in foreground, photographer facing southeast.
5. Barber Street (facing) shotguns, rear, photographer facing northwest.
6. 366 Barber Street, rear, photographer northwest.
7. 370 Barber Street, rear, photographer northwest.
8. Crawford Avenue (facing) shotguns, photographer facing northeast.
9. Crawford Avenue (facing) shotguns (left), Barber Street shotguns (right), photographer facing south.
10. Crawford Avenue (facing) shotguns, photographer facing northwest.
11. 372 Barber Street, photographer facing northwest.
12. Crawford Avenue (facing) shotguns, photographer facing west.
13. Crawford Avenue (facing) shotguns (left), Barber Street shotguns (right), photographer facing southeast.
14. 374 Barber Street, interior, living room.
15. 374 Barber Street, interior, front bedroom.
16. 374 Barber Street, interior, kitchen.

Brightwell Shotgun Row
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
 Sketch Map
 National Register Boundary

Scale: 1" = 325'



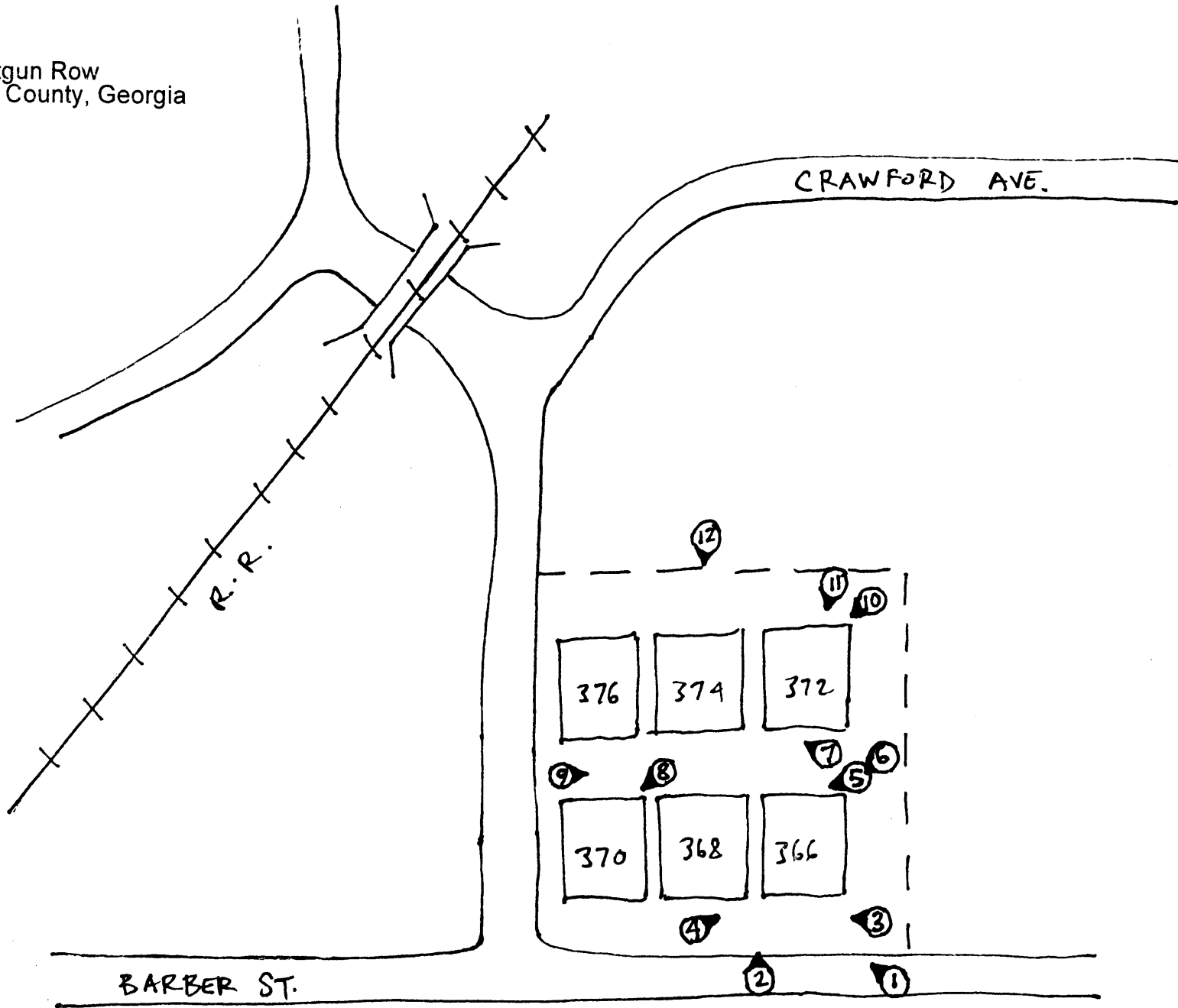
LEGEND:
 --- National Register Boundary
 --- Lot Boundary
 --- Easement
 --- Right of Way
 --- Other

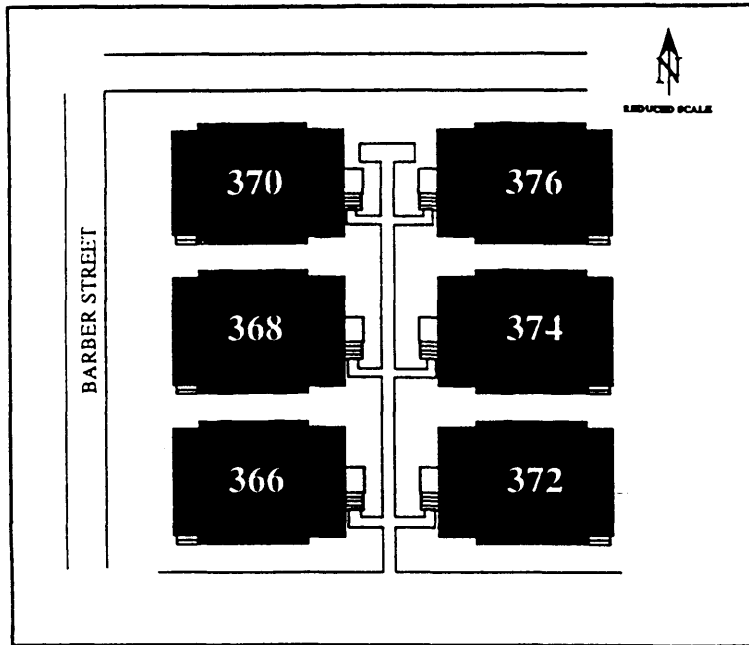
NOTE:
 This map was prepared from the original plat on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Clarke County, Georgia. It is not intended to be a substitute for the original plat. The original plat is the authoritative source of the information shown on this map.

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		1911

Sightwell Shotgun Row
Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
Site Plan
Photos
No Scale

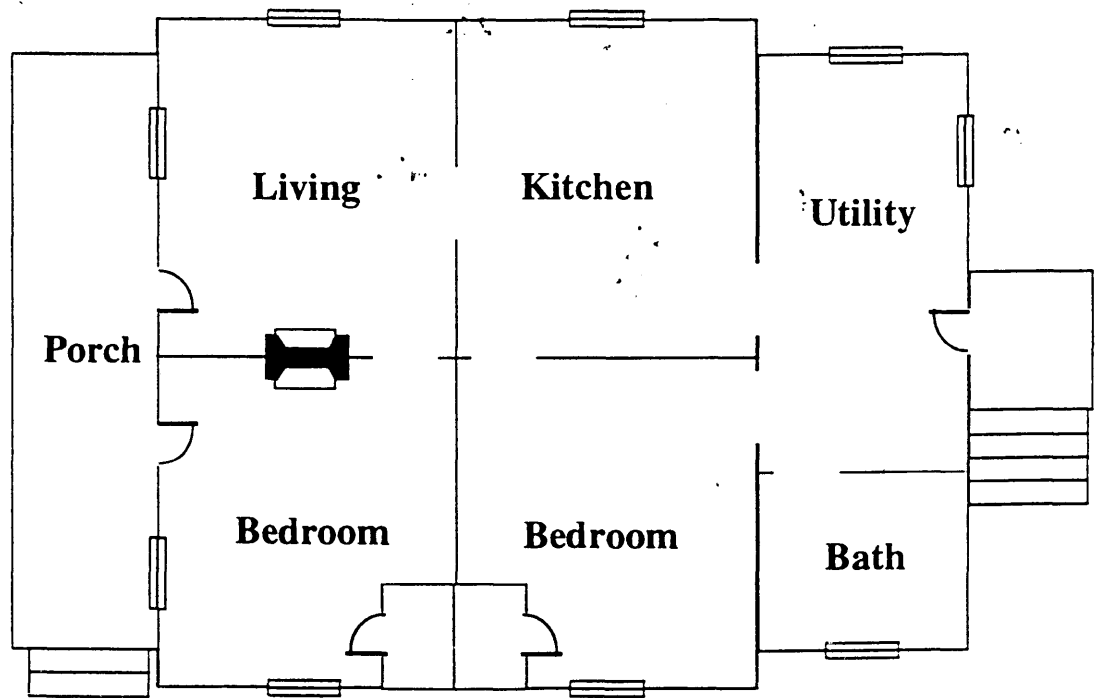
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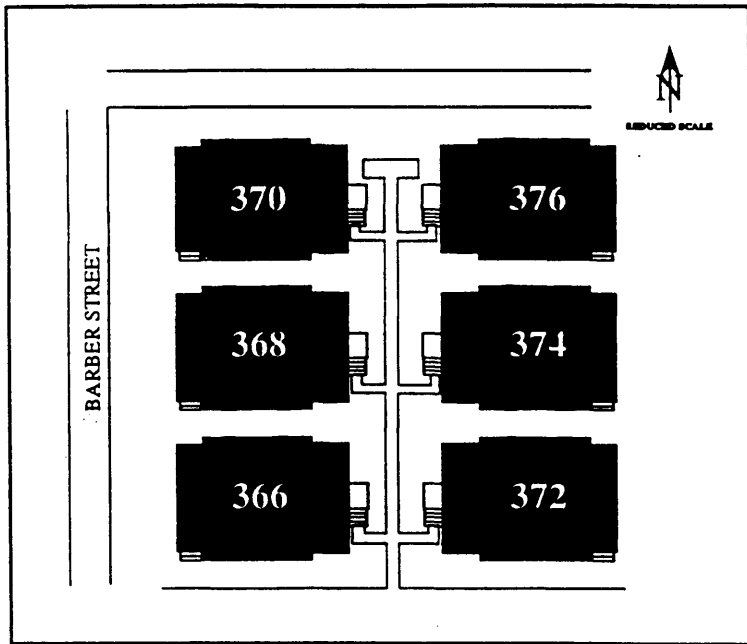


366 Barber Street
Brightwell Shotgun Row
Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
Floor Plan
No Scale

North ↑

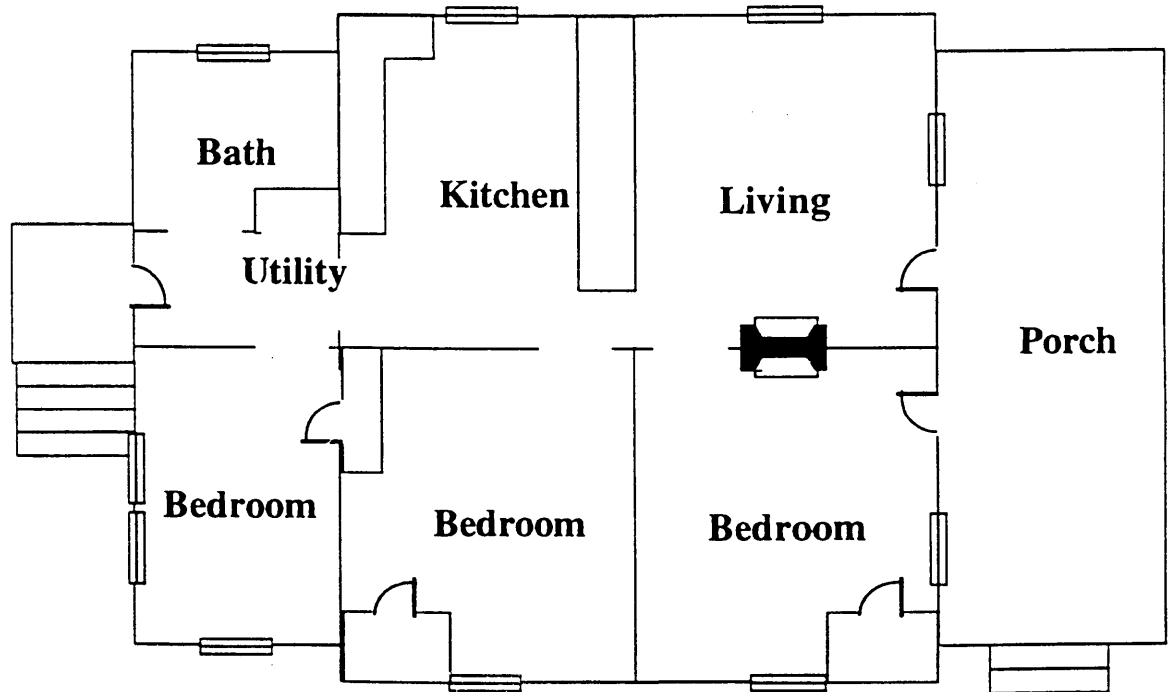


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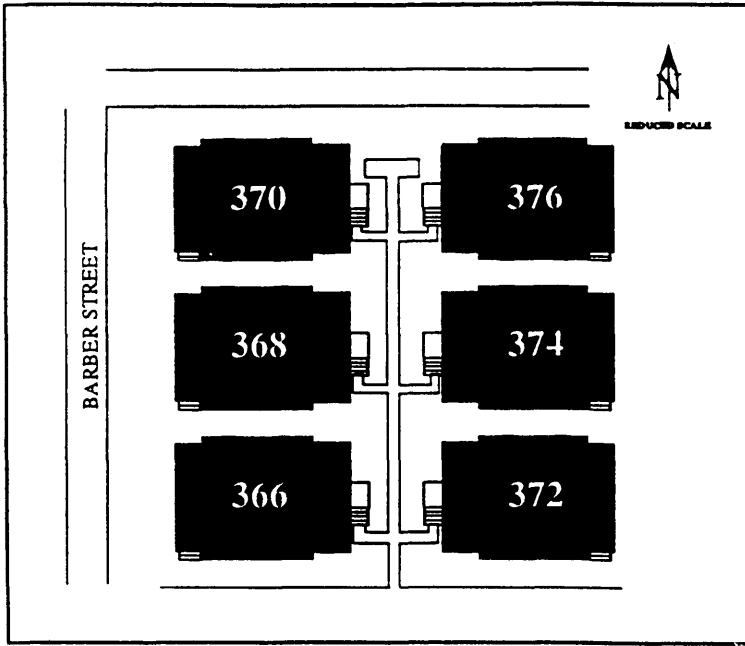


374 Barber Street
 Brightwell Shotgun Row
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
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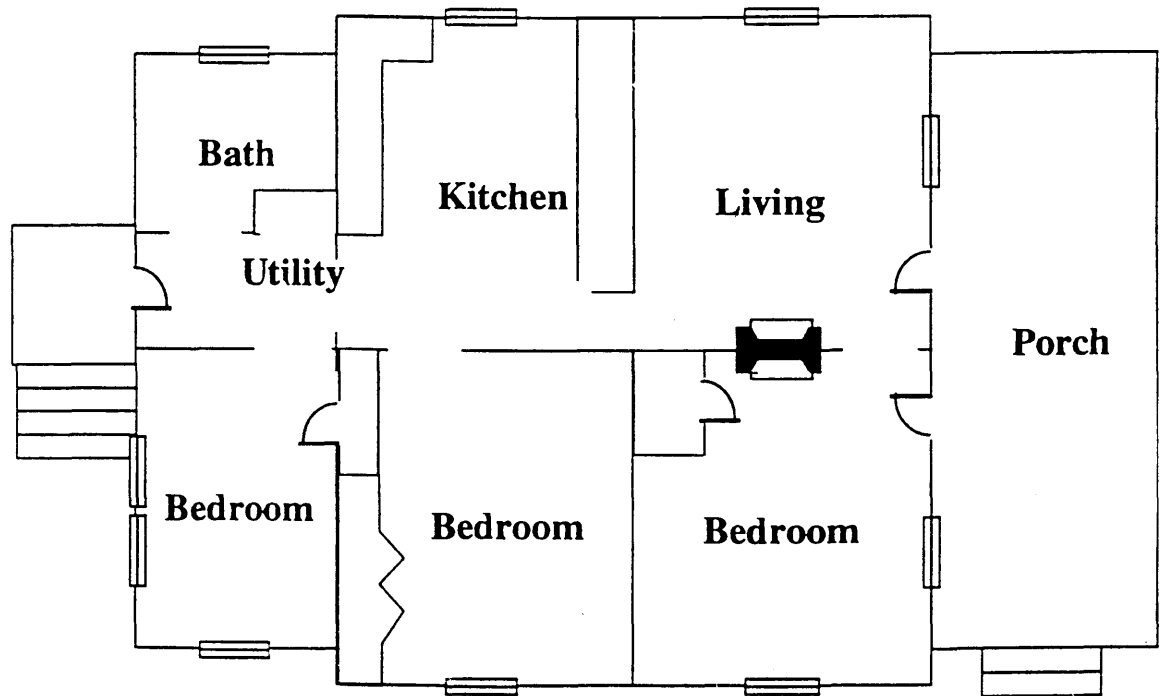


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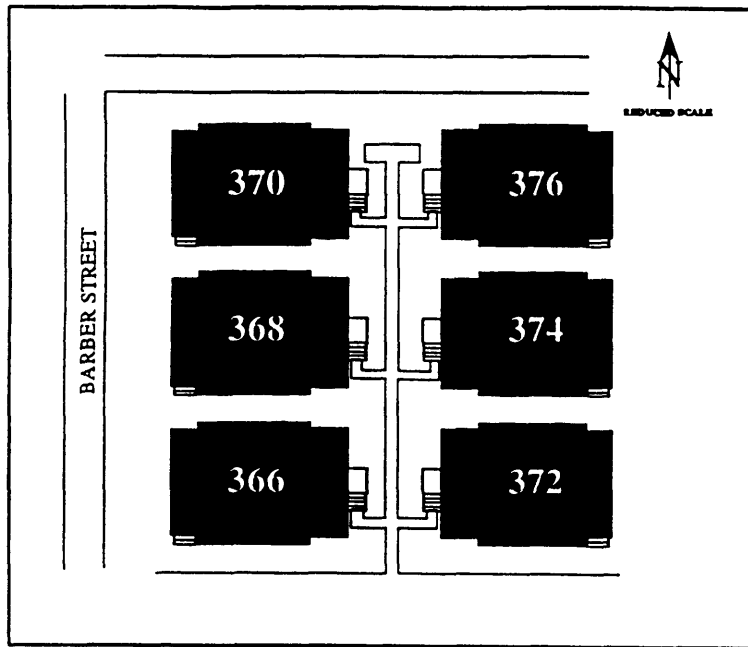


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 Brightwell Shotgun Row
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
 Floor Plan
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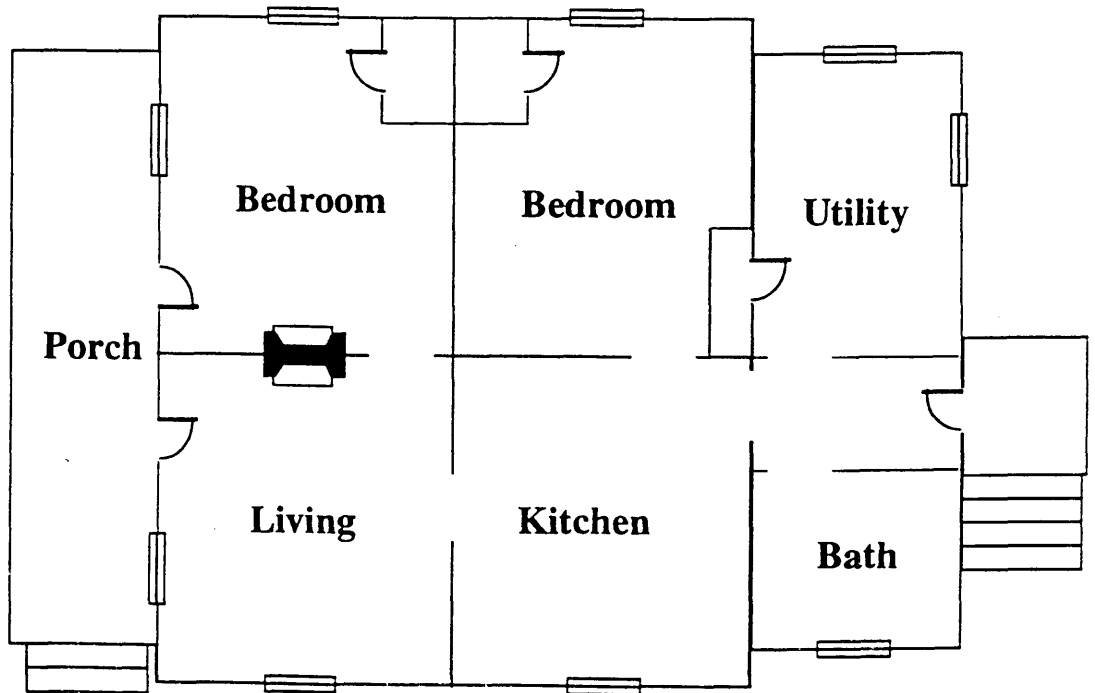
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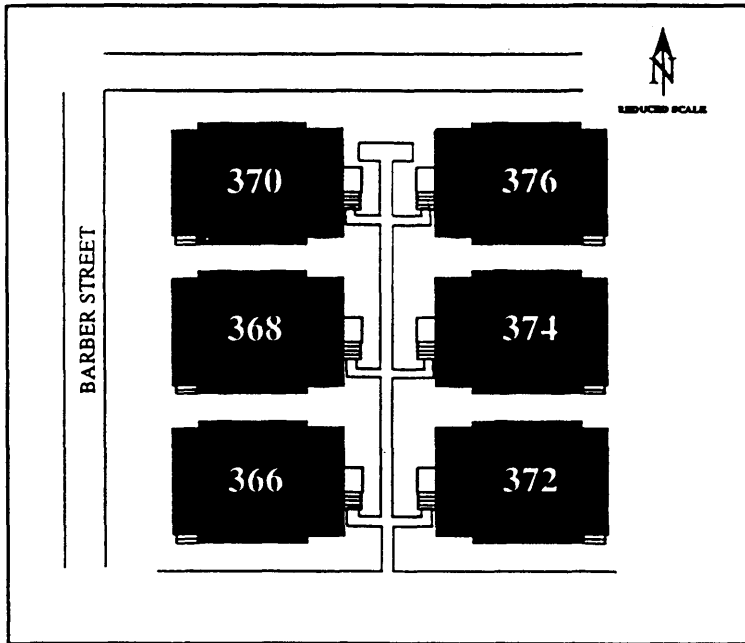
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368 Barber Street
 Brightwell Shotgun Row
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
 Floor Plan
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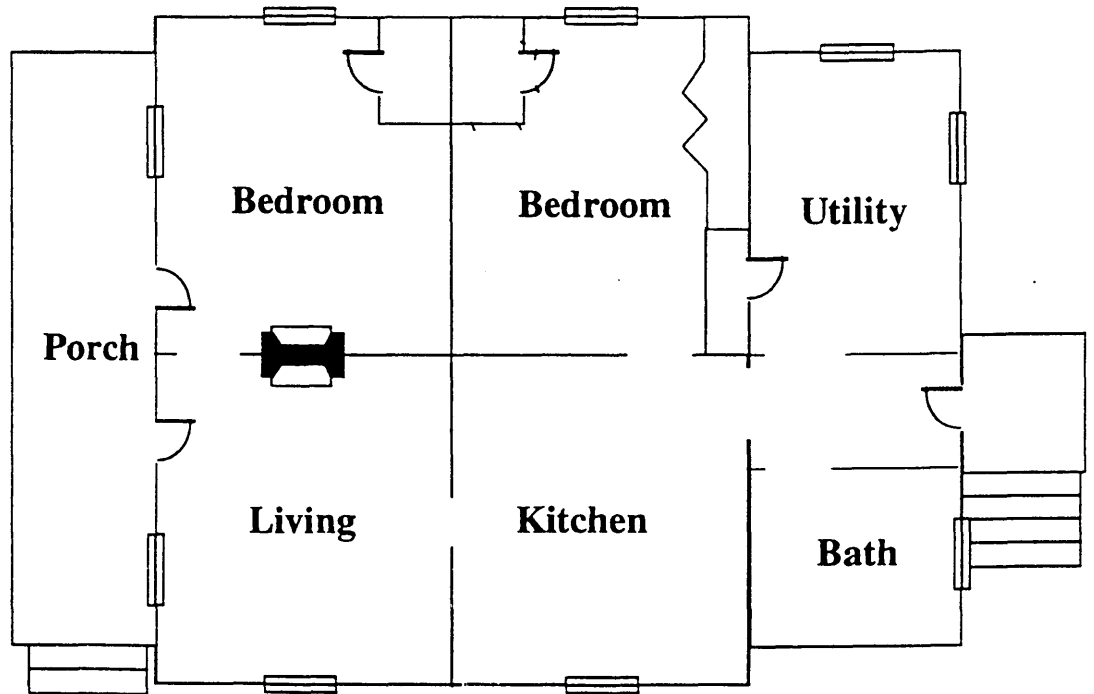


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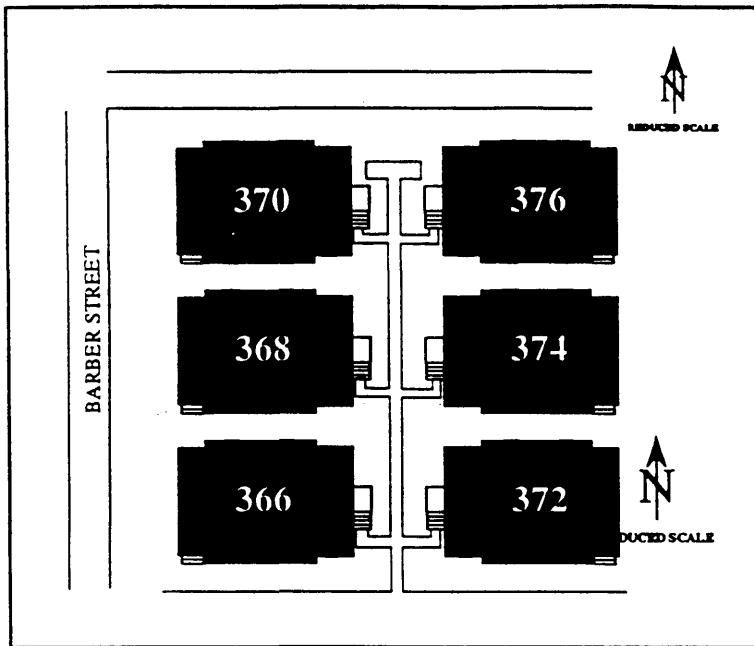


370 Barber Street
 Brightwell Shotgun Row
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
 Floor Plan
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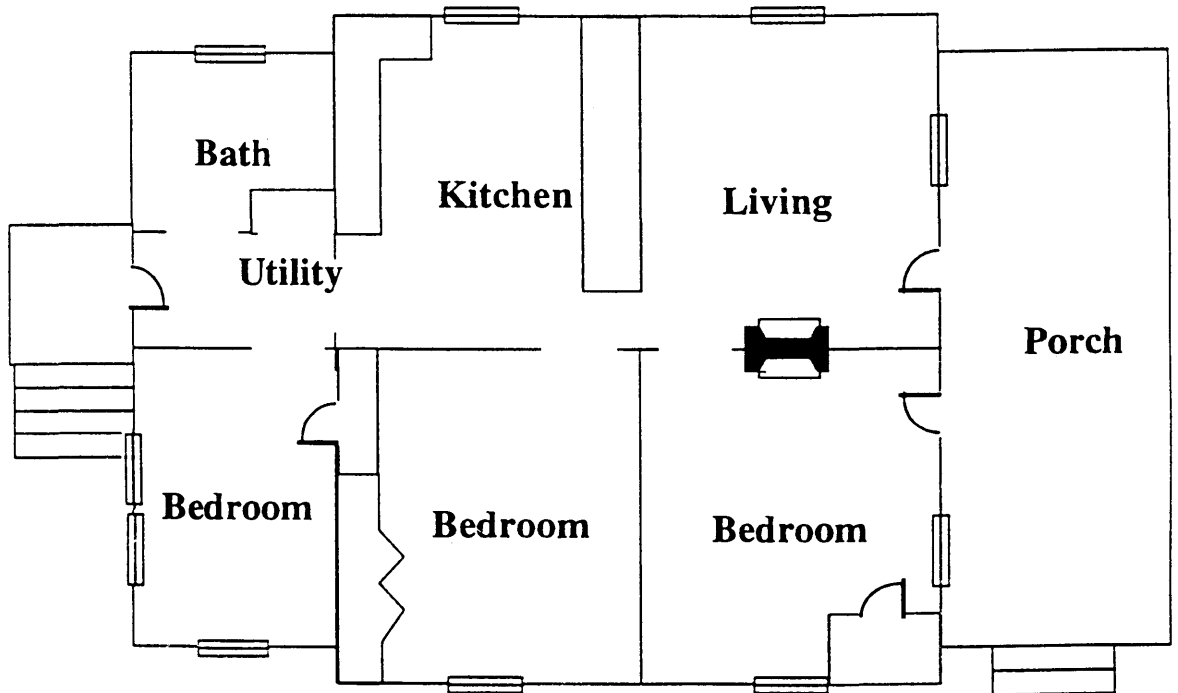


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372 Barber Street
 Brightwell Shotgun Row
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