

**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 William Ariail House  
other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number Georgia State Route 51  
city, town Carnesville (X) vicinity of  
county Franklin code GA 119  
state Georgia code GA zip code 30521

( ) not for publication

**3. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

- (X) private
- ( ) public-local
- ( ) public-state
- ( ) public-federal

**Category of Property**

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

**Number of Resources within Property:**

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	9	0
sites	0	0
structures	1	0
objects	0	0
total	10	0

**Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0**

**Name of related multiple property listing:** Historic Resources along the Old Federal Road in Georgia's Banks and Franklin Counties, c. 1805-1946.

**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.

Mark R. Edwards  
Signature of certifying official

10/07/96  
Date

Mark R. Edwards  
State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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State or Federal agency or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall

11-7-96

( ) determined eligible for the National Register

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register

( ) removed from the National Register

( ) other, explain:

( ) see continuation sheet

[Signature]

Signature, Keeper of the National Register

Date

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuildings  
AGRICULTURE/agricultural field

**Current Functions:**

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification:**

OTHER: Folk Victorian  
OTHER: Double-pen with rear and side additions.

**Materials:**

**foundation** concrete block  
**walls** wood/weatherboard  
**roof** tin  
**other** N/A

**Description of present and historic physical appearance:**

The William Ariail House and its outbuildings form a 19th and early-20th century agricultural complex. The house is a one-story, wood-framed house originally constructed about 1850 and later enlarged. The house was probably originally built as a two-room, side-gabled double-pen type house. In 1896, a gable-front, three-room addition was added to one side of the house. The house's exterior is covered with weatherboarding, and the chimneys are stone. A variety of double-hung windows remain intact. Folk Victorian-style details include the chamfered posts with fan-shaped brackets on the front wrap-around porch and patterned shingles in the roof gables. A stone retaining wall and a variety of trees and shrubs make up the landscaping around the house. Historic outbuildings include a well house, smokehouse, milk house, grain storage building, corn crib, and several barns.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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**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  
AGRICULTURE

**Period of Significance:**

c. 1850-1946

**Significant Dates:**

c. 1850  
c. 1896

**Significant Person(s):**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation:**

N/A

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

Unknown

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**Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:**

**Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)**

Architecture

The William Ariail House is significant in architecture for its c. 1850 farmhouse with 1896 addition and for its collection of 19th and early 20th century outbuildings. The house is a good example of a mid-19th century double-pen type house enlarged in the late-19th century to accommodate its inhabitants. The outbuildings are excellent examples of the types of domestic and agricultural outbuildings built on a small farm in north Georgia during the 19th and early-20th centuries.

Agriculture

The property is significant in agriculture as an unusually intact example of the type of small farm complex found in north Georgia and along the Old Federal Road in Banks and Franklin Counties. The majority of farms in the area were small subsistence farms, raising crops and livestock to sustain the families who lived there. Crops included corn, oats, and wheat as well as vegetables. Cotton was grown as a cash crop, but only on a small scale. This farm was bought by William Ariail (1813-1894) in 1851, with the farmhouse already standing on the property. Ariail was a subsistence farmer typical of this area. In 1881, Ariail gave the house and part of his land to his son James. The farm is still owned and farmed by the Ariail family.

**National Register Criteria**

The William Ariail House meets National Register Criteria A and C. The house meets Criterion A for its association with the agricultural history of the Old Federal Road area as a typical small farm complex in Banks and Franklin Counties in Georgia. The William Ariail House meets Criterion C as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a early-19th century double-pen type house with later rear and side additions.

**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

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**Period of significance (justification)**

The period of significance for the William Ariail House begins with the construction of the c. 1850 and ends in 1946, the end of the historic period.

**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The contributing house, eight outbuildings, and well retain integrity and were built within the period of significance. There are no noncontributing elements within the National Register boundary.

**Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)**

William Harrison Ariail (1813-1894) and Mary Addelaide Barr (1812-1890) moved from the Pickens District in South Carolina into the Old Federal Road region around 1851. John's son William bought a 625 acre farm on the Federal Road from William Sisson of Franklin County for \$2,000. William Ariail was a licensed minister and became very active in the Nails Creek Baptist Church, although he had previously been a Methodist. He and his wife had seven children and five of them were killed during the Civil War. One son, Lemuel Ariail, was the first person to be buried in the Nails Creek Cemetery in 1864.

Two of William's sons married two of John Duncan's daughters. One of these sons, James Leland Ariail (1849-1902), married Lettie M. Duncan and they had eleven children. In 1881, William gave James Leland the homeplace and 112 acres, retaining rental income and liferight for his wife and himself. James Leland's son, James Claudius or Claude (1881-1970) had eight children by his first wife Vastie Bellamy. One of these children, Kermit, still lives on the property. Kermit continues to farm the 186 acre farm with the help of his daughter's family.

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## **9. Major Bibliographic References**

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Aerial photos, from University of Georgia collections:

Banks County 1938, 1941, 1942, 1951, 1956, 1980  
Franklin County 1938, 1951, 1956, 1967, 1980

Current photos: Taken April-May, 1985 by Sybil A. Bowers

Historic maps, from University of Georgia collections:

1818 Georgia map, includes roads  
1829 Georgia map, includes roads  
1836 A New Map of Georgia with its Roads and Distances  
1846 A New Map of Georgia with its Roads and Distances  
1860 County Map of Georgia and Alabama  
1883 Georgia State Gazetteer map  
1894 Post Route map  
1909 USDA Soils Map of Franklin County  
1909 Map of Banks County  
1910 Map of Franklin County  
1916 Department of Agriculture map of the State of Georgia

Historic photos: contact prints, Vanishing Georgia Collection, property of Franklin County Historical Society

Interviews, Roger McConnell by Sybil A. Bowers

10 December 1984, 17 April 1985, 24 April 1985, 1 May 1985,  
15 May 1985, 22 May 1985, and 29 May 1985

Interviews, Roger McConnell by Susan Casey

January 1990 and October 1990

National Register Nomination for Homer, Georgia, written  
September, 1984

Road maps, GMAPDC collections:

1967, Franklin County, 1972, Banks County

Sherwood, Adiel. Gazetteer of the State of Georgia 1827, 1860

Georgia State Gazetteers, 1879-80, 1881-82, 1886

USGS topographic maps, 1967:

Homer, Ashland quadrangles

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) 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 # N/A
- ( ) recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # N/A

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office**
- Other State Agency**
- Federal agency**
- Local government**
- University**
- Other, Specify Repository: Georgia Mountain RDC**

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):**

N/A



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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** Approximately 20 acres

**UTM References**

A) Zone 17 Easting 280690 Northing 3805000

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the property is indicated by a solid black line drawn to scale on the accompanying National Register Boundary map. This map is based on the current county tax maps which are drawn to a scale of 1"=660'. These maps are the largest scale maps available for this rural area.

**Boundary Justification**

Boundaries include historic buildings, structures, and visual representation of historic acreage. The boundary of the William Ariail House follows the current legal boundary lines, except for a short stretch of the side road which historically connected the Ariail property to the Old Federal Road.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Photographs

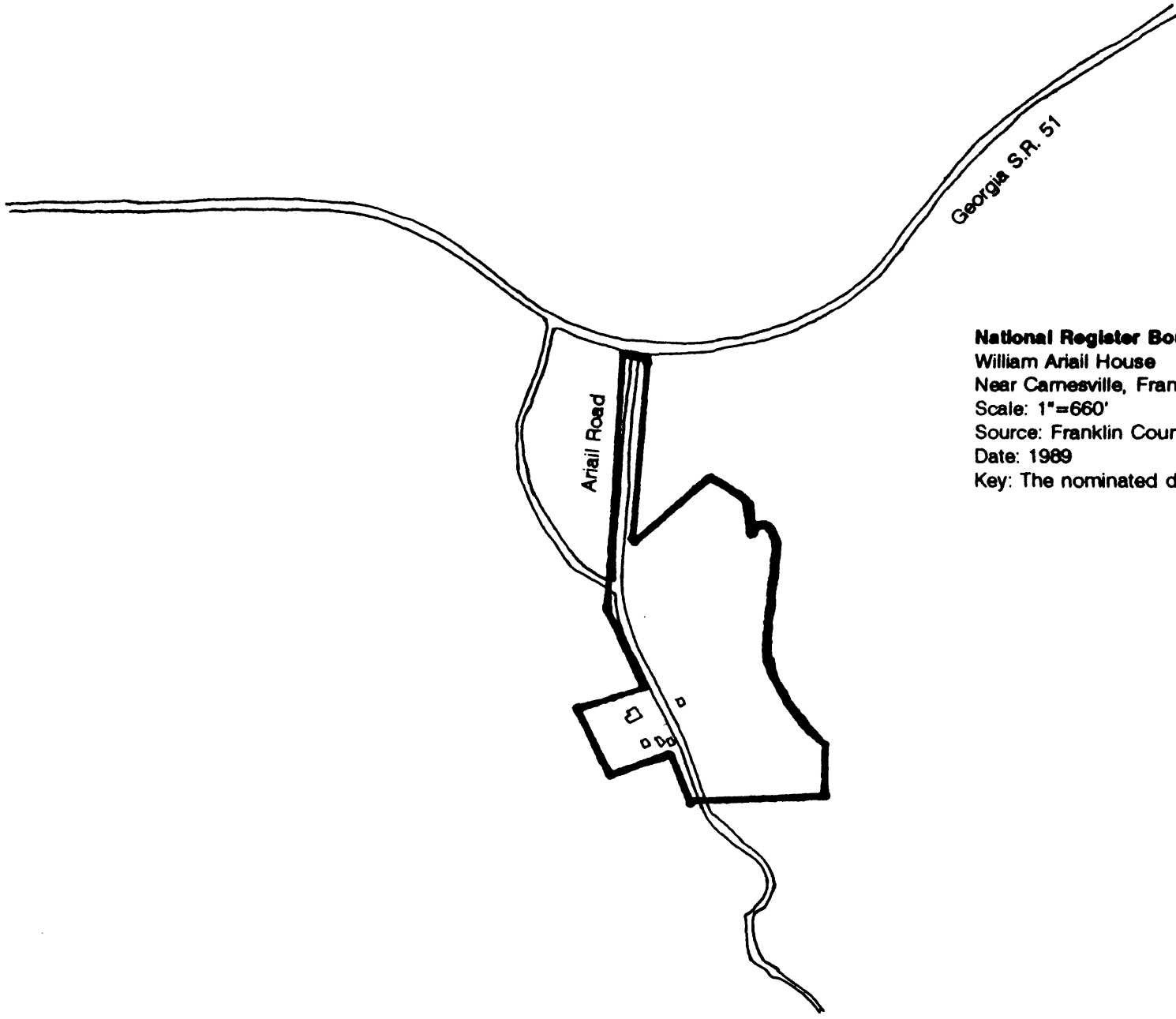
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**Name of Property:** William Ariail House  
**City or Vicinity:** Carnesville  
**County:** Franklin  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** March 9, 1994

**Note:** Photography was field checked in July, 1996; photographs still convey an accurate representation of the property.

**Description of Photograph(s):**

- Photo 1 of 14 Interior room; photographer facing east.  
Photo 2 of 14 Interior hallway; photographer facing south.  
Photo 3 of 14 Interior hallway; photographer facing west.  
Photo 4 of 14 Front facade; photographer facing northwest.  
Photo 5 of 14 Rear facade; photographer facing north.  
Photo 6 of 14 Smokehouse; photographer facing northeast.  
Photo 7 of 14 Milk House; photographer facing east.  
Photo 8 of 14 Outbuildings; photographer facing east.  
Photo 9 of 14 Granary; photographer facing east.  
Photo 10 of 14 William Ariail House and outbuildings; photographer facing southwest.  
Photo 11 of 14 Fence and fields; photographer facing northeast.  
Photo 12 of 14 Mule barn; photographer facing north.  
Photo 13 of 14 Outbuildings; photographer facing north.  
Photo 14 of 14 Outbuildings; photographer facing west.



**National Register Boundary**  
William Ariail House  
Near Carnesville, Franklin County, GA.  
Scale: 1"=660'  
Source: Franklin County Tax Map 4  
Date: 1989  
Key: The nominated district is marked by a heavy black line.



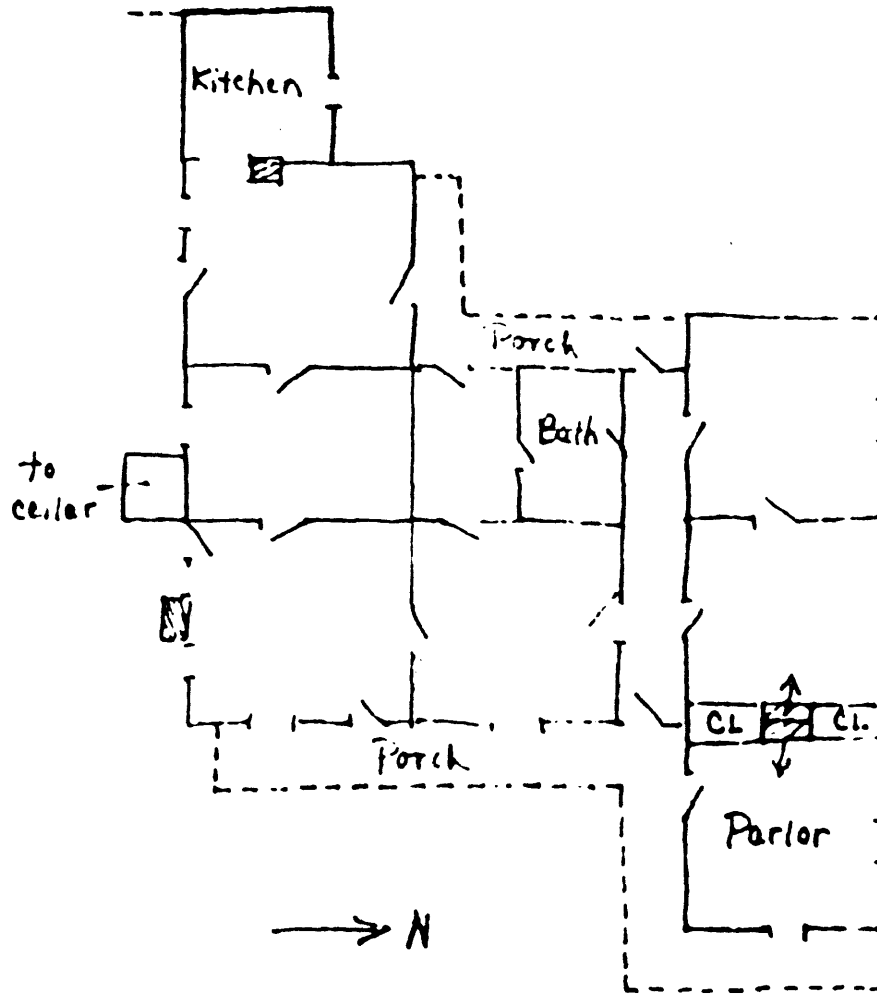
**Floor Plan**

William Ariail House, Franklin County, Georgia

Not to Scale

Source: Sponsor

Date: 1996



**Site Plan**

William Ariail House, Franklin County, Georgia

Not to Scale

Source: Sponsor

Date: 1996

