

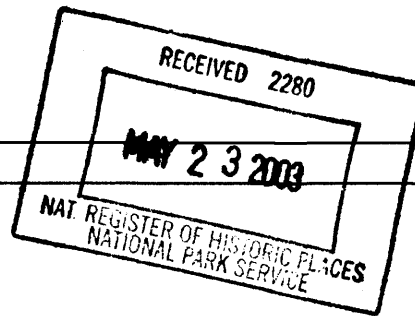
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Pace House
other names/site number N/A



2. Location

street & number 61 East Coffee Street
city, town Hazlehurst
county Jeff Davis code GA 161
state Georgia code GA zip code 31539

() 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() not for publication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	2	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	2	0

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

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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 Coates
Signature of certifying official

5-19-03
Date

for W. Ray Luce
Historic Preservation Division Director
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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall

7/5/03

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

Don

Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions:

RECREATION AND CULTURE/MUSEUM

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

OTHER/FOLK VICTORIAN
OTHER/GABLED ELL

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Wood/Weatherboard
roof	Asphalt
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Hazlehurst is located in northern Jeff Davis County in southeast Georgia and serves as the county seat. The Pace House (photograph 1) is located in a traditionally residential area adjacent to downtown Hazlehurst. The house sits on a rectangular lot close to the road.

Constructed c.1900, the Pace house is a one-story, gabled ell cottage with minimal Folk Victorian detailing (photographs 1 and 2). The house has a cross-gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles (photographs 2 and 4), two interior brick chimneys (photographs 2 and 4), painted pine novelty board siding, diamond-shaped gable vents (photographs 1 and 4), and a brick pier foundation that is covered with lattice. The windows are two-over-two double-hung-sash (photographs 1, 2, 3, and 4). There is a shed roof porch on the front of the house and one on the back of the house (photographs 1 and 3). Each is supported by paired turned posts with turned spindle balustrades and small jigsaw brackets (photograph 6). The front and rear doors have three panels on the lower half and a single pane window in the upper half (photograph 7). Each has three-pane sidelights and a three-pane transom (photograph 7).

The interior floor plan is intact with a central hallway and two rooms on each side with a rear kitchen (see floor plan). The traditional T-shaped gabled ell floor plan, with two rooms on one side of the hall and one on the other, is clearly evident. However, in this house the traditional floor plan was augmented, apparently at the time the house was constructed, by a second rear room under a broad, rear-facing gable roof that also encloses the rear hall and back porch. The interior of the house has original wood floors (photographs 8,9, and 10), except in the hallway (photograph 7), and painted original tongue-and-groove walls and ceilings (photographs 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11). The house has four

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wooden mantels, three of which are original (photographs 8, 10, and 11), and original paneled doors and chair rail (photographs 8, 9, 10, and 11).

Also located on the property at the rear of the house is a historic storage building (photographs 3 and 12).

Landscaping includes mature pecan and oak trees, foundation plantings, sidewalks, and a nonhistoric driveway and parking lot at the rear of the house (photographs 1, 3, and 5).

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

Period of Significance:

c.1900

Significant Dates:

c.1900-Construction date of the house

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Unknown

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Pace House was constructed c.1900 as one of three Pace family houses on Academy or Jeff Davis Street (now Coffee Street). The house remained in the family until 1968. After several owners through the 1990s, the Hazlehurst-Jeff Davis County Historical Museum Society acquired the property in 1996 for use as a local heritage center. The only remaining house of the three original family houses, the Pace House is significant in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a gabled ell cottage-type house with minimal Folk Victorian detailing. According to Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings, the gabled ell cottage consists of a gabled-front at one end of a recessed wing that is parallel to the façade. The front door, located in the recessed wing, may lead into a hallway, such as in this case, or directly into a room in the wing. Fairly evenly distributed across Georgia, the gabled ell cottage was popular in both rural and urban areas and in both modest and well-to-do neighborhoods. Its greatest period of popularity was 1875-1915. Of late 19th-century house types in Georgia, the gabled ell cottage perhaps has the most examples. The Pace House features many of the characteristics of the gabled ell cottage and retains most of its original exterior and interior materials. The inclusion of an "extra" rear room is an idiosyncratic feature on all the Pace family houses.

National Register Criteria

The Pace House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a popular house type (gabled ell) in Georgia during the historic period.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for the Pace House is c.1900, the construction date of the house.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The Pace House and the storage building are the two contributing buildings on the nominated property. There are no noncontributing resources on the property.

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Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

****NOTE: The following history was compiled by Robin B. Nail, Preservation Planner, Heart of Georgia-Altamaha Regional Development Center, November, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

The Pace House is believed to date from the early 1900s, although at least one source suggests that Pauline Pace Taylor built the structure as early as 1888. According to a deed dated February 12, 1908, Mrs. Pauline Taylor purchased the property, upon which her residence was then located, from William Hardy Pace for \$500. The property was described as being one town lot in Hazlehurst fronting on Academy or Jeff Davis Street for 175.5 feet and running back 205 feet. It was bounded on the north by Academy or Jeff Davis Street, on the east by the "school house square," and on the south and west by other lands of W.H. Pace. A naval stores operator and one of Hazlehurst's seven original alderman appointed in 1891, William H. Pace appears to have owned considerable acreage in the vicinity, including land purchased in four separate transactions between 1888 and 1892. It is believed that at one time three frame houses owned by the William Hardy Pace family, including the one remaining Pace House, were located along Academy or Jeff Davis Street (present-day Coffee Street) adjacent to the local school. The extant structure appears to have been located in the middle between the other two family residences based on the configuration depicted on the 1935 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Hazlehurst.

Mrs. Pauline Pace Hall, formerly Pauline Pace Taylor, owned the property for more than 60 years before selling it to Mrs. Janie Lucylle Claxton on November 7, 1968 for \$3,100. The property was the same as Taylor (now Hall) purchased from W.H. Pace, less the lot on the northeast she conveyed to the Jeff Davis County Board of Education, which by this time was the location of the School Superintendent's office.

The next property transfer occurred on July 13, 1977 between Mrs. Janie Lucylle Claxton and LaFiecie Claxton for a token \$10.00. A year later on August 7, 1978, LaFiecie Claxton conveyed the property to Colon Claxton through a life estate deed. According to its terms, fee simple title would pass to Colon Claxton upon LaFiecie Claxton's death. No money exchanged hands as this transaction was made "in consideration of his natural love and affection for second party." This transaction held until October 13, 1982 when LaFiecie and Colon Claxton conveyed title back to Janie Lucylle Claxton. A token \$10.00 was exchanged for this warranty deed.

On August 15, 1987, Janie Lucylle Claxton once again transferred the Pace House property. Charles J. Girtman received the property, which consisted of 0.454 acres in Land Lot No. 502, for \$10.00 according to the warranty deed. Less than a year later on April 4, 1988, Girtman conveyed the property for \$10.00 "and other valuable considerations" to Nancy R. Earle. A quitclaim deed was issued April 23, 1990 to settle a long-standing boundary line dispute and confusion. Nancy Rogers Wagner (formerly Nancy Earle) and the Jeff Davis County Board of Education were parties to the agreement.

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Wagner, a local artist, renovated the Pace House in the late 1980s for use as an art gallery. She made every effort to restore original materials; however, the floor in the hall was in such deteriorated condition that she had to replace it. Wood from two 100-year old pine trees was cut to produce the lumber for the floor. An approximate 2 foot wide "secret passage" was discovered between the rooms during the renovation. Some phone numbers of previous residents and local businesses were written on the wall.

The Hazlehurst-Jeff Davis County Historical Museum Society, Inc. acquired the Pace House property from Nancy Wagner for \$10.00 on December 30, 1996. The historical society has developed the property into a local heritage center or museum containing a large collection of local history memorabilia, which is open to the public on a regular basis.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Appling County, Georgia. Superior Court. Deed Book.

Barron, Ruth T. Footprints in Appling County. Dallas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1981.

Jeff Davis County, Georgia. Superior Court. Deed Book.

Nail, Robin B. Historic Property Information Form. November, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. With Supplemental information.

Wagner, Nancy R. Former owner. Interviewed by Robin B. Nail, 2000 & 2001.

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 Less than one acre

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 348983 Northing 3526680

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is indicated on the attached map by a heavy black line.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the Pace House and the intact portion of land historically associated with the house.

11. Form Prepared By

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Photographs

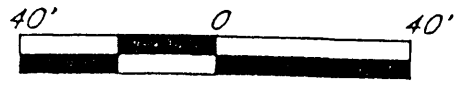
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Description of Photograph(s):

Number of photographs: 12

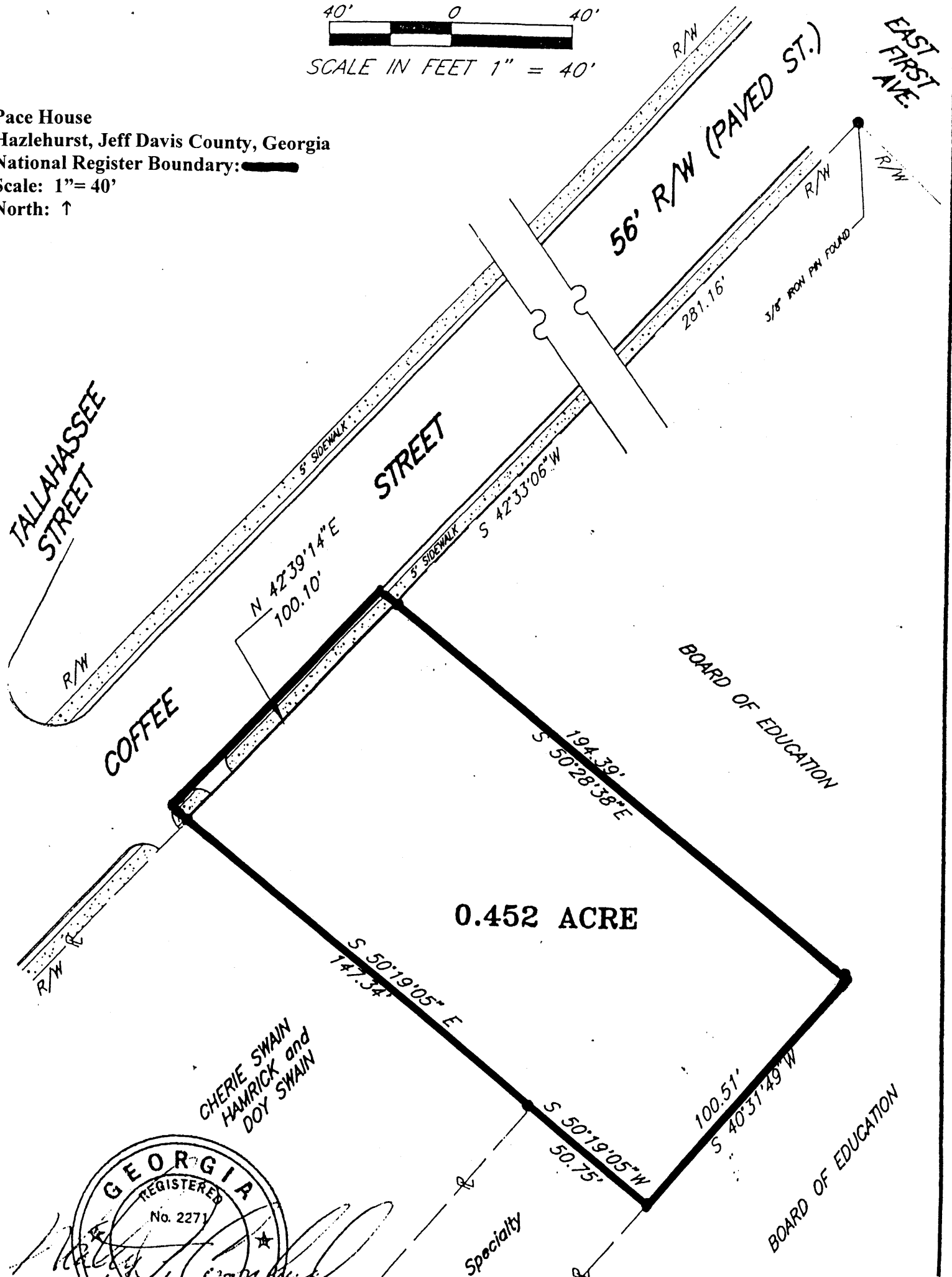
1. Front (northwest) façade; photographer facing southeast.
2. Southwest façade; photographer facing northeast.
3. Rear (southeast) façade and storage building; photographer facing northwest.
4. Rear façade and northeast façade; photographer facing northwest.
5. Northeast façade and front façade; photographer facing southwest.
6. Porch detail; photographer facing southwest.
7. Interior, central hall; photographer facing northwest.
8. Interior, original living room; photographer facing southeast.
9. Interior, original bedroom; photographer facing southeast.
10. Interior, original bedroom; photographer facing west.
11. Interior, original dining room; photographer facing northwest.
12. Front façade and southwest façade; photographer facing southeast.

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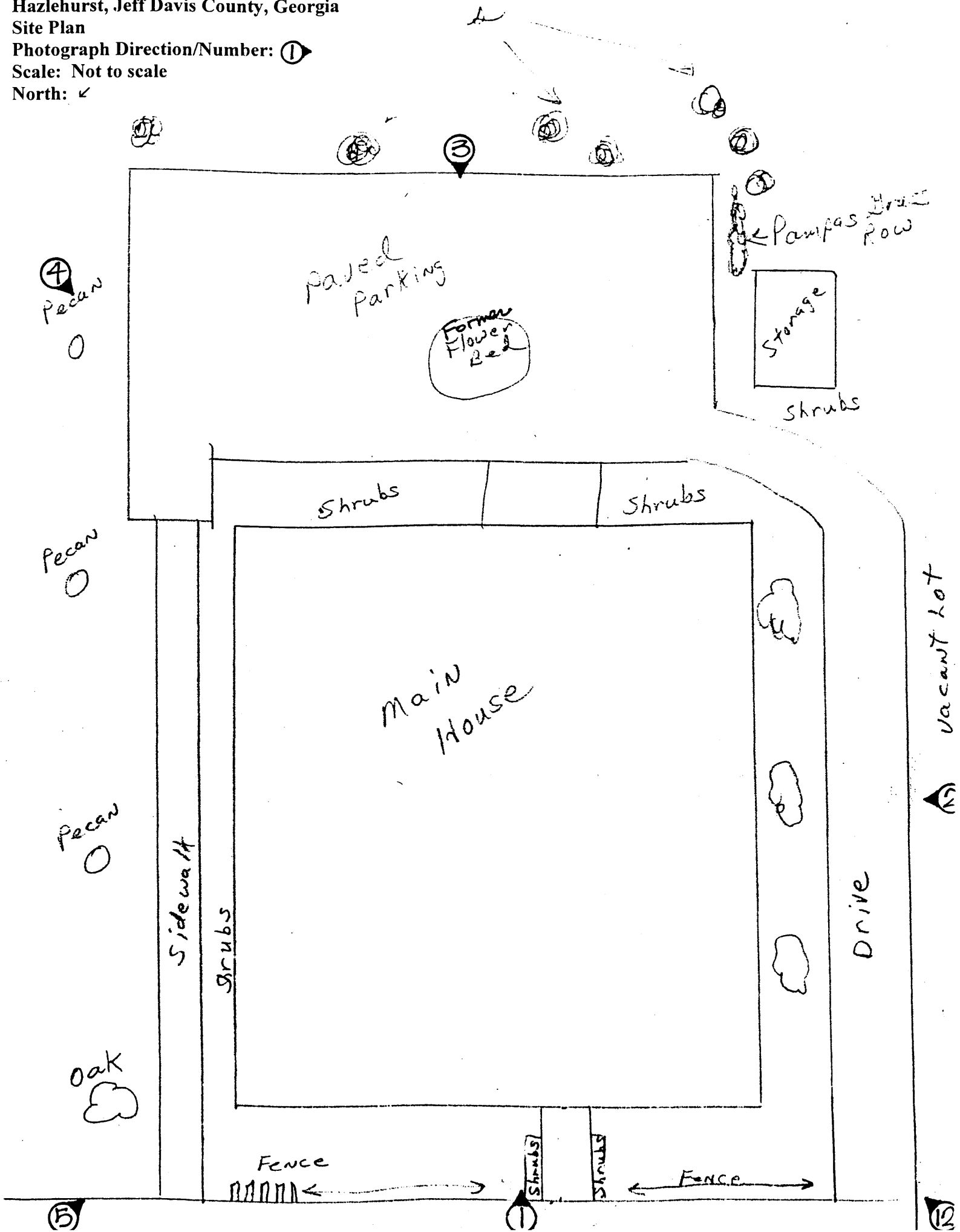


SCALE IN FEET 1" = 40'

Pace House
 Hazlehurst, Jeff Davis County, Georgia
 National Register Boundary:
 Scale: 1" = 40'
 North: ↑



Pace House
Hazlehurst, Jeff Davis County, Georgia
Site Plan
Photograph Direction/Number: ①
Scale: Not to scale
North: ↙



Pace House
Hazlehurst, Jeff Davis County, Georgia
Floor Plan
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