

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic W. W. Ashburn House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 609 ^{1st} First Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Moultrie N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Georgia code 013 county Colquitt code 071

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name James R. Hill

street & number P.O. Box 929

city, town Moultrie N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31768

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Colquitt County Courthouse

city, town Moultrie state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records None

city, town state

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The W. W. Ashburn House, built in 1901, is a two-story frame house of late-Victorian influence located on a corner lot in a residential area of Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia.

The house is basically rectangular in plan with a rear ell and some alterations and additions to the rear. It is weatherboarded and sits on a brick foundation. On the main part of the house, three small asymmetrically placed gables and a dormer extend out from the hip roof, and three tall brick chimneys with corbeled caps extend above it. The exterior chimney on the front facade features bands of decorative brick work. A one-story veranda with a roof supported by simple solid wood columns wraps around the front facade and both sides of the house, terminating on the east side in a port-cochere supported by rock-faced concrete block piers. The veranda originally had a balustrade. Exterior detailing is not elaborate: one-over-one double hung sash windows have simple wood surrounds on the second floor and modest cornices on the first, a plain cornice wraps around the entire house below roof level and a two-story bay window enlivens the front facade. The main decorative feature is the graceful Georgian Revival-influenced front entrance which is recessed behind a semi-circular area. The door is flanked by side lights and surmounted by a semi-circular fanlight with a delicately carved wood frame. Alterations to the rear include an early bathroom addition on the southwest rear corner, and the more recent enclosure of the area between that addition and the original rear ell to make a den.

The interior features a six-over-six room plan, with two connecting stairhalls on each floor with staircases in each, and two rooms on either side. A kitchen and pantry are located on the first floor of the rear ell and bathrooms have been added in the southwest corner addition and on the second story, in a portion of the rear stairhall. Interior wood detailing is quite elaborate. Tongue and groove wainscoting extends throughout the main downstairs room and the upstairs stairhalls. Doors and windows have molded trim that meets at patera blocks. The foyer and living room have unusual ceilings of diagonally laid beaded tongue and groove boards fitted into square panels. An elaborate spindle work frieze is set in the foyer alcove, and a built-in china cabinet is located in the dining room. Mantels, located in nearly every room, have exposed brick faces, and many have Victorian style overmantels. A few of the original ceiling lighting fixtures remain.

The Ashburn House is located on a grassed level city lot that is not extensively landscaped. Boxwood and azalea foundation plantings surround the house, and a modern brick patio and several large shade trees are located to the rear. Also to the rear, is a wood-framed gable roofed carport which has been so extensively altered that its historic significance has been lost. The house is situated in a residential neighborhood of Moultrie whose homes date primarily from the first half of the twentieth century.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in May, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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) local history
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1900/1901

Builder/Architect

G. W. Milligan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The W. W. Ashburn House, built in 1901, is significant in the areas of architecture, commerce and local history. Architecturally, the house is significant as an example of a turn-of-the-century transitional style residence which although primarily late-Victorian in style exhibits Georgian Revival features. The outstanding interior wood detailing is a fine example of the particularly elaborate woodwork that is often associated with the houses of South Georgia's wealthy timber and naval stores operators such as W. W. Ashburn. The house is one of the oldest and finest residences in Moultrie. In terms of commerce, the house is significant for its association with W. W. Ashburn, who in 1896 established the first bank in Moultrie and served as its president until his death in 1906. The house has significance in the area of local history for additional associations with W. W. Ashburn (1838-1906). For the last twenty-odd years of his life, Ashburn devoted himself to a variety of projects aimed at developing Moultrie and Colquitt County. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A, B and C.

The Ashburn House is primarily late-Victorian in style, the wrap around porch, tall patterned chimneys, bay windows and interior woodwork all being typical Victorian details. However, the graceful recessed entrance with its semi-circular fanlight is related to the Georgian Revival style which was gaining popularity at this time. The exterior of the Ashburn house is surprisingly modest for the home of such a wealthy and influential man, but the interior woodwork, including the tongue-and-groove ceilings, wainscoting, paneled staircase, and the interior spoolwork window frieze, is outstanding. It compares in elaborateness with a number of other South Georgia houses of the same period built by families connected with the timber and naval stores businesses. The builder of the Ashburn house was G. W. Milligan, the same contractor who in 1902 completed construction of the Colquitt County Courthouse.

The Ashburn house is significant in the areas of both commerce and local history for its associations with W. W. Ashburn. Ashburn, a native of North Carolina from which state he served in the Civil War, moved to South Georgia in 1871 and set up business as a merchant and timberman. In 1882 he became interested in the naval stores business, moved to Colquitt County, began amassing huge land holdings there, and initiated his involvement with Moultrie and Colquitt County which lasted until his death. Moultrie, the county seat since Colquitt County's creation in 1856, remained a tiny settlement until the arrival of the first railroad in 1893 prompted a period of rapid expansion. Between 1893 and 1900, the time during which W. W. Ashburn was most active, the population of Moultrie jumped from 150 to 2,000.

In 1896, Ashburn established the Moultrie Banking Company and served as its president until his death in 1906. This was the first bank in Colquitt County, and it was instrumental in assisting in the development of the area. In addition to founding the bank, Ashburn was involved in obtaining a charter for the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf Railroad which linked Moultrie with the coast, and he served as vice-president and a director of the Moultrie Cotton Mills, organized in 1900. Ashburn was considered to be one of the most influential men in all of South Georgia in the early years of the twentieth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery, Erick, "Historic Property Information Form - W. W. Ashburn House." March, 1981.
On file, Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.91 acres

Quadrangle name Moultrie, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	7	2	3	3	5	4	0	3	4	5	2	5	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed plat map, is all the acreage presently associated with the house.

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 Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher
Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date May 1, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street 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 5/24/82

title State Historic Preservation Officer

For NPS use only

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

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 7/15/82

Attest:

date

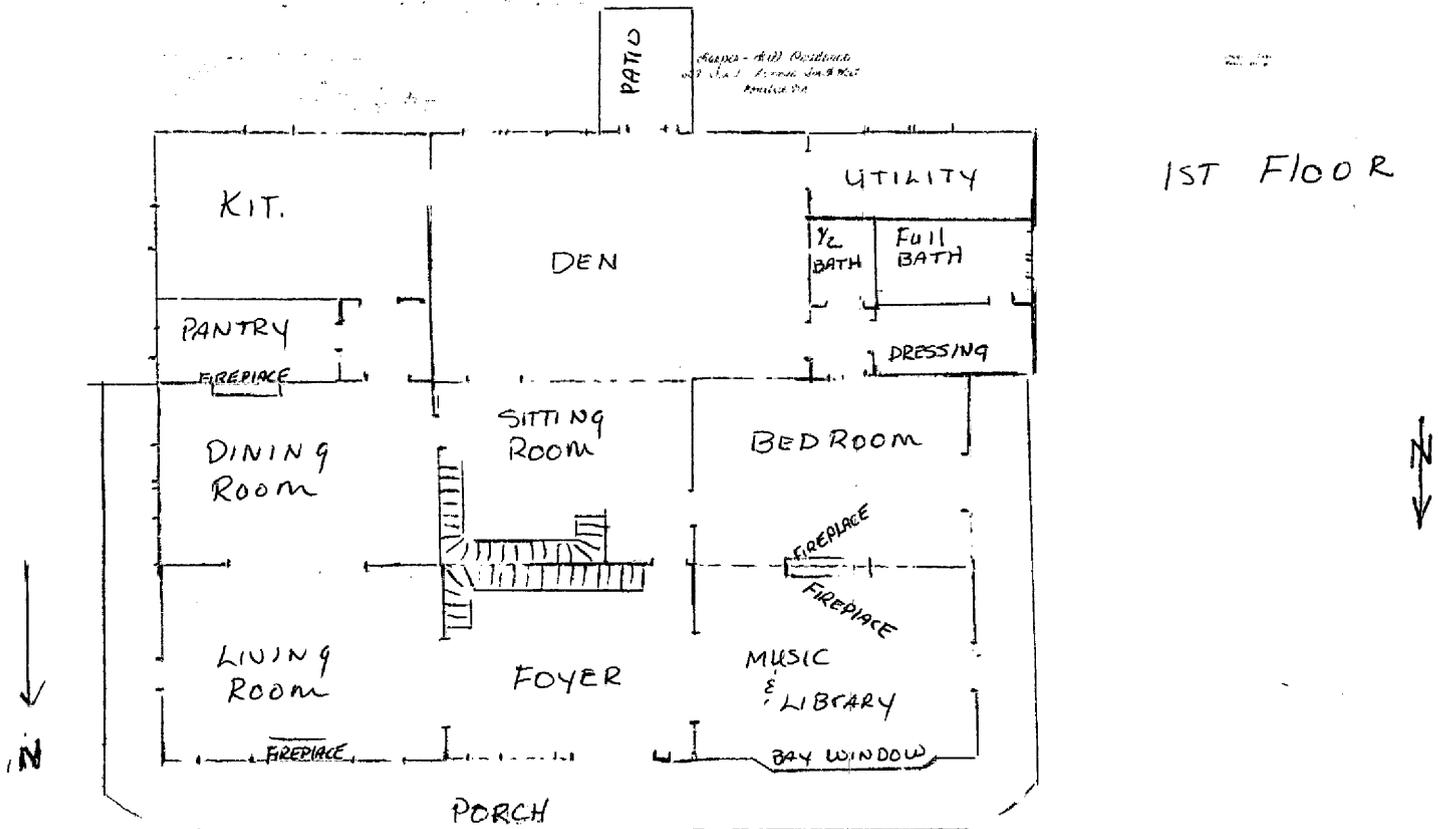
Chief of Registration

W.W.ASHBURN HOUSE
Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia

FLOOR PLAN/ FIRST FLOOR

Scale: Not to scale

North: ↓



W.W. ASHBURN HOUSE
Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia

FLOOR PLAN/SECOND FLOOR

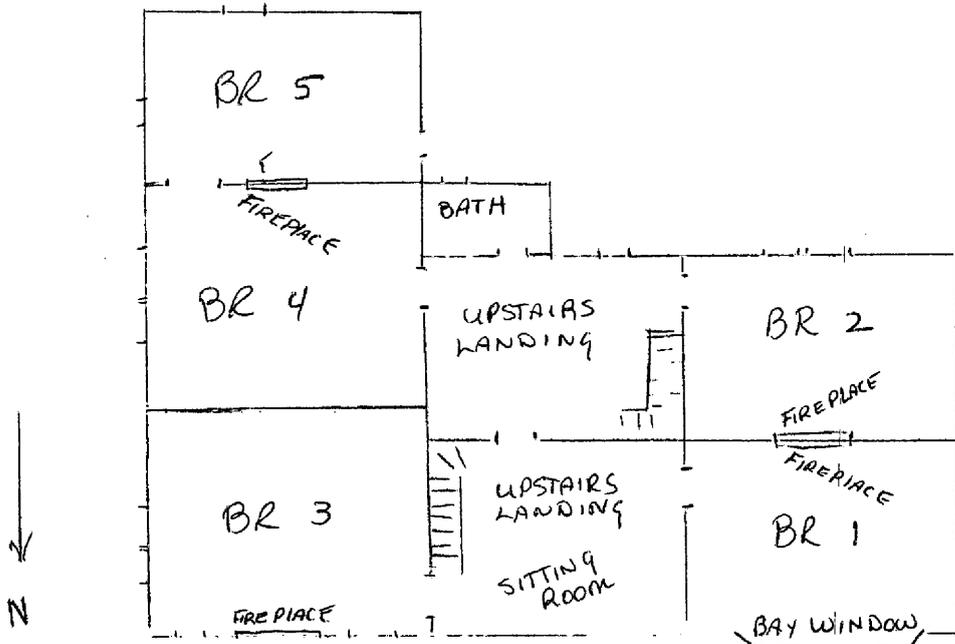
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W.W. Ashburn House
507 S. 1st Avenue, Moultrie, GA
Moultrie, GA

2nd Floor



W.W. ASHBURN HOUSE
Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia

PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP

Source: Colquitt County Plat Book 13,
page 116.

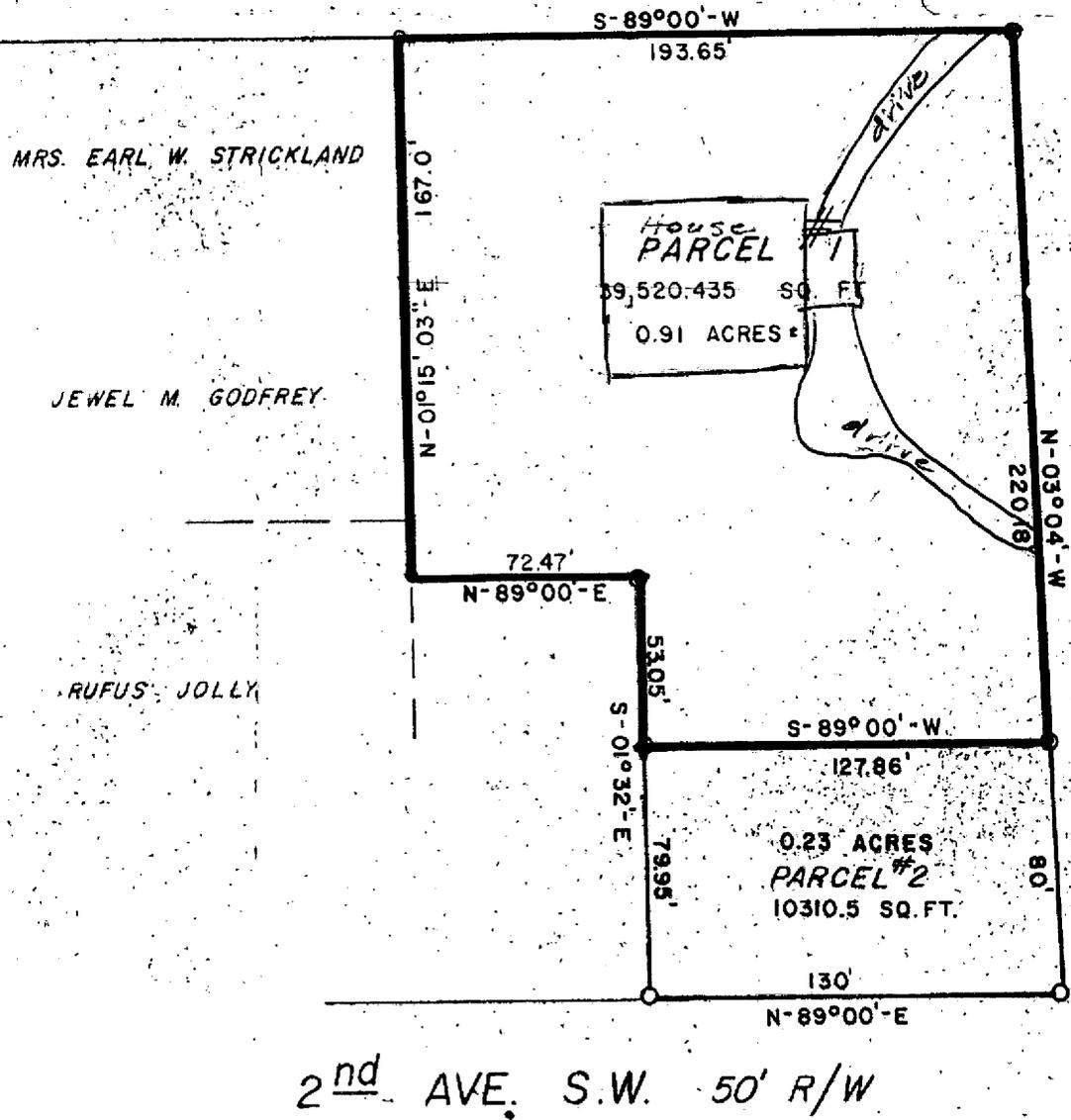
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Date: 10-31-79

North: ↑

Property Boundary: ———

1st AVE. S.W. 60' R/W



IN MY OPINION THIS PLAT REPRESENTS
THE MOST ACCURATE SURVEY OF THE
SUBJECT PROPERTY PREPARED IN CON-
FORMANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND METHODS
OF THE STATE.

