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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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historic name Chapman-Steed House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Broad Street
city, town Crawfordville () vicinity of
county Taliaferro code GA 265
state Georgia code GA zip code 30631

() not for publication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:	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	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 Claves

9.5.02

Signature of certifying official

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 A. Beall *10/23/02*

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

[Signature]

Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/SINGLE DWELLING

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

OTHER/GEORGIAN HOUSE

Materials:

foundation	Stone/Granite; Brick; Concrete
walls	Wood/Weatherboard
roof	Asphalt
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Chapman-Steed House is a large two-story frame residence with a third level attic and is located just east of downtown Crawfordville, Georgia, the county seat of Taliaferro County. The building faces Broad Street and occupies a rectangular 0.42-acre city lot (approximately half of the original one acre lot that was subdivided in 1946). Constructed c.1895, the house is an example of a well-defined house type, the Georgian House, with modest stylistic embellishment. The Chapman-Steed House consists of a central hallway with two rooms on either side. Attached to the rear of the building is the original two-room cook's kitchen (photographs 2, 3, and 4) that is capped by a hipped roof. It is possible that this kitchen was constructed some distance away from the main house and later moved to its present location, but a member of the Chapman family recalls that it was attached as early as mid-1940s. Thus, if the cook's kitchen was constructed as a free-standing structure and later moved and connected to the main portion of the house by means of the enclosed shed porch, these alterations occurred no later than the early-1940s.

The Chapman-Steed House features a rectangular plan and is capped by a truncated, or flat-topped, hipped roof now covered with asphalt shingles. The wood-frame building is sheathed in horizontal weatherboard siding. A pair of stuccoed masonry chimneys are located within the roof structure, centered on each side of the house. The building rests on a stone pier foundation with some brick and wood lattice infill. The kitchen rests on a concrete block and lattice foundation.

The symmetrical front façade of the Chapman-Steed House is distinguished by a full-façade, two-story porch (photograph 1). The porch is open on the first level and has a balustrade with turned balusters on the second level. Square Doric columns support the porch roof. A single, centrally positioned front door provides access to the house and is flanked by sidelights (photograph 5). On the second level, a similar door opens onto the full balcony. Four six-over-six double-hung sash

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windows are located on the front facade as well as on each of the two side facades. The window and door surrounds as well as corner boards are milled boards and windows have very simple flat crowns and sills. The front entrance (photograph 5) features a pair of pilasters, one outside each sidelight, and the front door consists of two large circle-top panels above two smaller rectangular panels.

The house is organized in what is known as a Georgian plan (see attached floor plans), consisting of a central hallway with two rooms on either side. The ten-foot-wide central hallway (photograph 6) extends from the front entrance to a centrally positioned rear door. A chimney is located on each side of the house, between each pair of rooms. The same plan is employed on the second level.

A straight-flight open stair (photograph 6), located along the east wall of the central hallway, provides access to the second level. It features an open outer stringer, ornamented with attached brackets, as well as a wall stringer. The starting step is a simple square type. A square-based newel post supports the balustrade and is moderately tapered from base to top. Turned balusters, two per step, add further ornamentation to the stair. The area directly below the stair is utilized as storage space. Providing access to the attic space is another straight-flight open stair, of unornamented design, located along the west wall of the central hallway on the second level (photograph 10).

There are eight fireplaces in the house and three different mantel designs, all of wood. These appear to have been produced by millwork companies and constructed of interchangeable parts. Each fireplace has a hearth integrated into the design (photographs 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13).

The most significant alterations to the first level were made in the 1990s to the southwest room that now functions as a kitchen. Open access is provided between this room and the enclosed rear porch, and from the porch one may gain access to the original cook's kitchen. The rear porch is likely not original to the house but it is not known when it was added.

Two bathrooms were added on the second level, both within the space of the original southwest room.

Other than a privy (no longer extant), it is not known whether there were ever any outbuildings associated with the property.

The setting of the house is residential in character, as it was historically, and the yard is of an informal design. Downtown Crawfordville is located along Broad Street a short distance to the west, but no commercial buildings are visible from the property.

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.1895

Significant Dates:

c.1895

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

W.C. Chapman

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Statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Chapman-Steed House is significant in architecture because it is an excellent and highly intact example of the Georgian House type in residential architecture in a small town setting. It retains its character-defining overall form and floor plan as well as many of its original exterior and interior building materials. According to Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings, a statewide context, the Georgian house is an important historic house type in Georgia. The two-story Georgian house is less numerous than the one-story Georgian cottage, but it was also popular from the first decades of the 19th century into the 20th century. Most examples of the type were built in larger towns and cities. While the Chapman-Steed House does not contain high-style ornamentation, it retains most of its original materials including its chimneys, stone piers, truncated hipped roof, full-facade, two-story front porch, doors, windows, stairway, and fireplaces with original mantels. Indeed the absence of applied stylistic ornamentation makes this house an excellent and clear example of the Georgian House type. The house was the home to two generations of a locally prominent family who were an integral part of the activities of this county-seat town. The builder and owner, W. C. Chapman, born 1866, built the house shortly after his marriage. Known as "Chapman the Grocer," he ran a grocery in Crawfordville for many years. The house passed to his daughter, Mary Lela Steed who was a public school teacher for forty-two years in Crawfordville. The house left the family in 1991.

National Register Criteria

The Chapman-Steed House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as significant in the area of architecture as an outstanding example of late-nineteenth residential architecture in a small town setting.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for the Chapman-Steed House begins c.1895, the construction date of the house.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The Chapman-Steed House is the one contributing resource on the nominated property. There are no noncontributing resources on the nominated property.

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Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

****NOTE: The following history was compiled by John Kissane, Historic Preservation Consultant, October, 1998. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

The Chapman-Steed House was constructed c.1895 in Crawfordville, Georgia, a town created by an act of the Georgia legislature on December 27, 1826. Crawfordville was also designated the governmental seat of the newly formed Taliaferro County, which had been established the previous year from lands taken from five established counties: Greene, Hancock, Oglethorpe, Warren and Wilkes. The Crawfordville town plan was laid out by Herman Mercer, an early settler in the vicinity. The plan is an example of one variation of the "Washington" type of county seat plan, modeled after the Wilkes County town founded in 1783. The original Crawfordville plan consisted of a central courthouse square and forty-four lots. Those lots facing onto the square measured 66 feet by 198 feet, while others measured either 99 feet by 198 feet or 198 feet by 198 feet with the larger lots being further away from the square. The lot on which the Chapman-Steed House was constructed was not within the original plan and is a short distance to the east of the original plan's eastern boundary.

The first member of the Chapman family to own property in what is now Taliaferro County was John Chapman, who in 1784 received a grant of 300 acres of land in what was then Wilkes County. John Chapman (born in South Carolina in 1746) married Mary Thompson and the couple had six sons, four of whom (Nathan, Benjamin, Thomas and Tandall) lived to adulthood. It is not certain whether John Chapman ever resided in Taliaferro County, however, as he died in Abbeville, South Carolina, in 1803.

It appears that John and Mary Chapman's first son, Nathan (born in Virginia in 1777) arrived in Wilkes County, Georgia, sometime between 1805 and 1809. Nathan Chapman married Elizabeth Hart in 1800 and the couple had twelve children, the first four of whom were born in South Carolina. By the time the couple's fifth child, Susanna, was born in March of 1809, John and Mary Chapman and their family were living in Wilkes County. The eleventh of the couple's twelve children, Samuel Whatley Chapman, was born in Wilkes County on December 16, 1819 and was the father of William Colclough Chapman, believed to have had the Chapman-Steed House constructed c.1895. Samuel Chapman married Missouri Ann Morris of Crawfordville on January 11, 1844. Missouri Morris, born November 19, 1827 in Crawfordville, was raised by her stepfather, John Chapman (born 1802), who was the eldest brother of her eventual husband.

The Chapman-Steed House is believed to have been built c.1895 by William Colclough (or W. C.) Chapman, tenth child of Samuel and Missouri Chapman. Born on January 19, 1866, William Chapman was well known in Crawfordville as "Chapman the Grocer" and for many years operated a grocery store downtown. He married Lela Martha Gunn (born in Taliaferro County October 31, 1871) on November 26, 1891 and the couple had three daughters (Clyde Marie, born January 31, 1893, Emily Missouri, born September 16, 1895, and Mary Lela, born August 16, 1903). The construction

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date of 1895 is an estimate based primarily on the design of the house and also on William Chapman's age (29 in 1895) and the dates of birth of William and Lela Chapman's three daughters.

Lela Gunn Chapman deeded the property (one acre in size) to her youngest daughter, Mary Lela Chapman, on April 16, 1934. Mary Lela Chapman married Leonard Steed and the couple resided in the house. Leonard Steed was a brother of Rev. George C. Steed, long-time pastor (1911-1917 and 1927-1944) of Crawfordville Baptist Church. The Steed family was from High Shoals in Oconee County, Georgia. Leonard Steed moved to Atlanta from High Shoals, but when he went blind he came to Crawfordville to be near his brother. Mary Lela Steed and her niece Helen Chapman (daughter of Rev. George C. Steed) both played important roles in public education in Taliaferro County and Crawfordville, each having forty-year teaching careers.

In 1946, Mary Lela Chapman Steed deeded the western half of the original one-acre lot to Mrs. Mattie G. Portwood, thus reducing the size of her property to approximately one-half acre. In 1940 0.022 acres had been taken from the front of the property for right-of-way for Broad Street, which was paved that year. A house has since been constructed directly west of the Chapman-Steed House on the sub-divided lot. On August 16, 1991 the Chapman-Steed House was deeded by the executor of the estate of Mary Lela Steed to Richard Gregory Pemberton of Clarke County, Georgia. Pemberton held the property for less than two years and on July 12, 1993 deeded it to its current owners, Linda Bishop and William Sidlow.

9. Major Bibliographic References

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Taliaferro County Deed Records.

Taliaferro County Tax Records.

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 324250 Northing 3714079

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 Chapman-Steed House and the intact portion of property historically associated with the house.

11. Form Prepared By

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() **regional development center preservation planner**
() **other:**

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Photographs

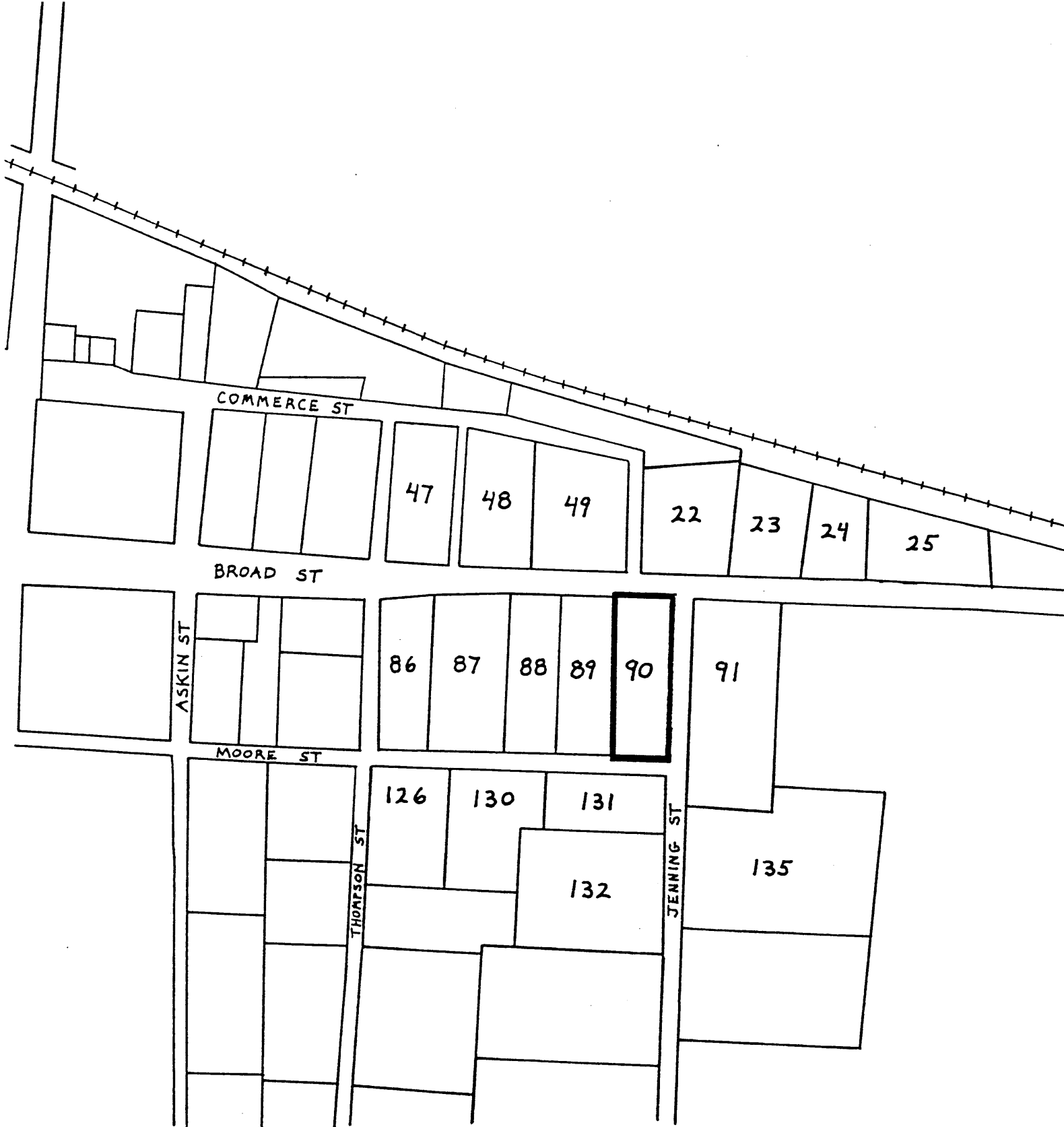
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City or Vicinity: Crawfordville
County: Taliaferro
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: August, 2000



Description of Photograph(s):

Number of photographs: 14

1. Front (north) façade and east façade; photographer facing southwest.
2. West façade and kitchen addition; photographer facing north.
3. Rear (south) façade and kitchen addition; photographer facing north.
4. Rear façade, enclosed porch, and kitchen addition; photographer facing northwest.
5. Front porch and detail of front door; photographer facing west.
6. Interior, first floor, entrance hall; photographer facing south.
7. Interior, first floor, northwest room; photographer facing southeast.
8. Interior, first floor, northeast room; photographer facing southeast.
9. Interior, first floor, southeast room; photographer facing northeast.
10. Interior, second floor, hall and northwest room; photographer facing south.
11. Interior, second floor, northwest room; photographer facing southwest.
12. Interior, second floor, northeast room; photographer facing southwest.
13. Interior, second floor, southeast room; photographer facing northeast.
14. Front façade; photographer facing southeast.

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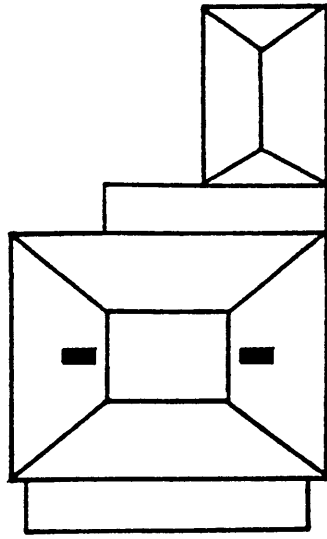


Chapman-Steed House
Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, Georgia
Taliaferro County Tax Map C-30
National Register Boundary: 
Scale: 1"= 225' (approximate)
North: 

Jenning Street

Broad Street

Commerce Street



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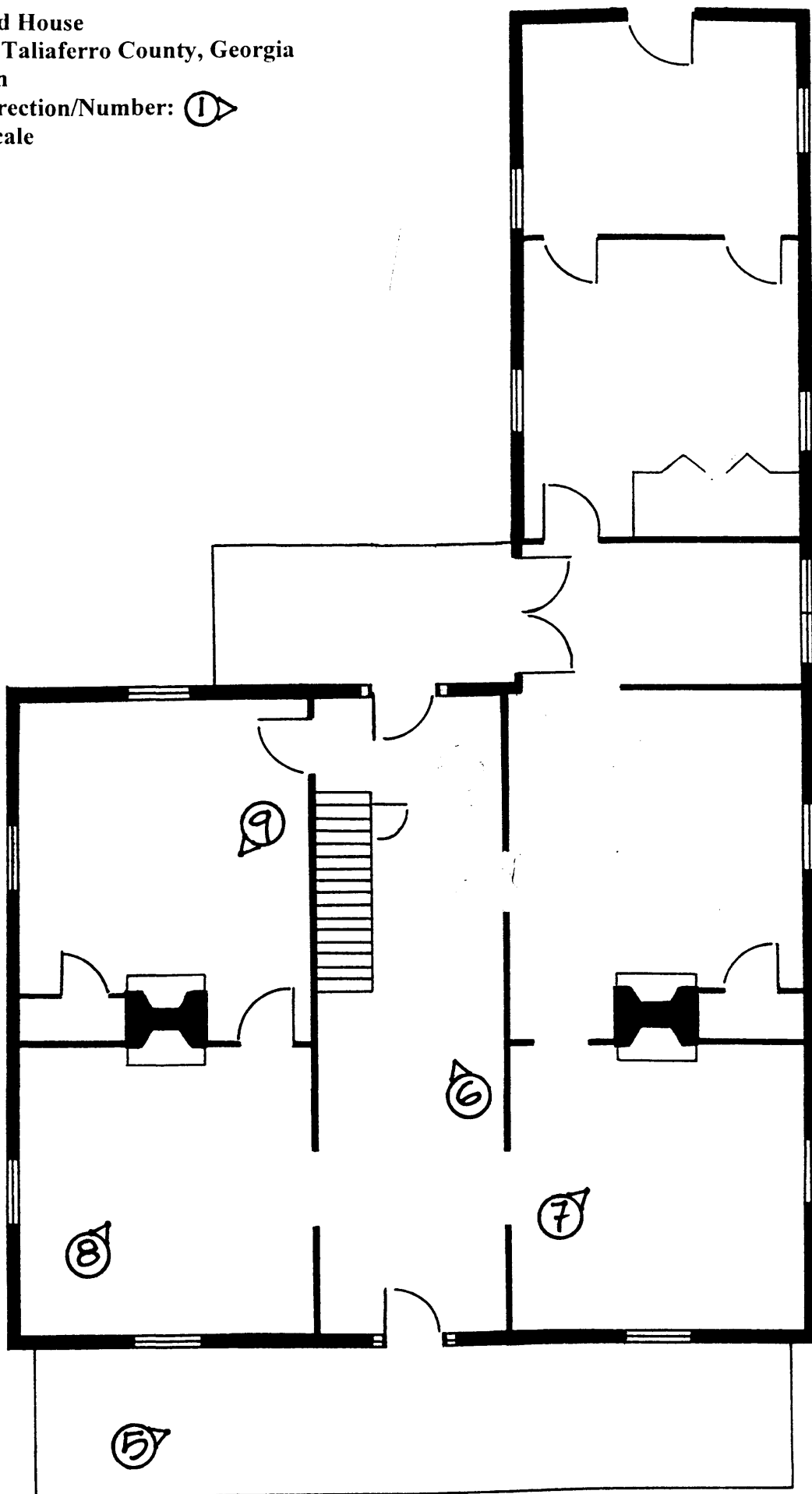
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Chapman-Steed House
Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, Georgia
Site Plan
Photograph Direction/Number: ①
Scale: 1"= 35' (approximate)
North: ↓

Chapman-Steed House
Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, Georgia
First Floor Plan
Photograph Direction/Number: ①
Scale: not to scale
North: ↓



Chapman-Steed House
Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, Georgia

Second Floor Plan

Photograph Direction/Number: ①➤

Scale: not to scale

North: ↓

