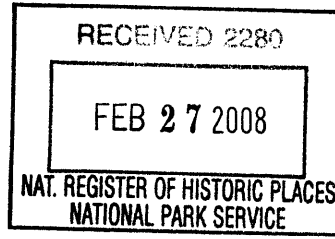


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Graham House  
other names/site number:

**2. Location**

street & number: 36 County Road 1824 N/A not for publication  
city or town: Rose Hill X vicinity  
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Jasper code: 61 zip code: 39356

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination      request for determination of eligibility 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 X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*h. h. h. s* 02.20.2008  
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
✓ entered in the National Register,  
     See continuation sheet.

     determined eligible for the  
National Register  
     See continuation sheet.

     determined not eligible for the  
National Register

     removed from the National Register

     other (explain):     

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
*Jonda McCallister* 4-10-05

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property:** X Private

**Number of Resources within Property: 4**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

**Category of Property:**

Buildings X  
sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

Contributing	Noncontributing
4	0
4	0

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
NA

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register None**  
  
0

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:** Domestic: single dwelling; Agriculture/Subsistence: processing; Agriculture/Subsistence: animal facility; Agriculture/Subsistence: storage

**Current Functions:** Domestic: single dwelling ; Agriculture/Subsistence: storage

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification(s):** Greek Revival

**Materials:**

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

**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- A** Property is associated with events have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture  
Agriculture

**Period of Significance**

C. 1860-1940

**Significant Dates****Criteria Considerations:**

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

**Significant Person(s)** N/A**Cultural Affiliation(s)** N/A**Architect/Builder**  
Graham, Narcissus Daniel

**Narrative Statement of Significance:** See continuation sheets

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography****Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- 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  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository:
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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreeage of Property:    Approximately 3

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	312160	3556421		C		
B					D		

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description**                      See continuation sheet.

**Boundary Justification:**                              See continuation sheet.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title:	Martha Graham Bucciantini		
organization:			date: October 1, 2007
street & number:	757 Versailles Dr.		telephone: 601-605-8389
city or town:	Ridgeland	state: MS	zip code: 39157

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

    A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

    A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

    Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner(s)**

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name:	James Lamar Graham		
street & number:	36 County Road 1824		telephone: 601-671-3490
city or town:	Rose Hill	state: Mississippi	zip code: 39356

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

Facing South on County Road 1824 and south of Rose Hill approximately 1 1/2 miles, is the Graham House, a one-and-a-half story Greek Revival Planter's Cottage. Construction on the home began prior to the Civil War and was completed after the War. The home is situated on 185 acres of the family's original over 5,000 acres and remains virtually unchanged with large pecan and oak trees lining the long drive (which is approximately 800 ft. in length from the road to the home). Crepe myrtles and redbud trees remain around the immediate front yard enclosed by a white picket fence.

The house is a 43 feet wide by 38 feet 8 inches deep structure having four rooms and a central hall in the main portion of the house. The home sits on its original foundation made of brick. The bricks used in the foundation and chimneys were made on the property. The house has a side-gabled roof with an undercut gallery (43 ft. X 18 ft.) extending the front facade of the home and supported by six large octagonal columns with molded capitals on top of each column, a wooden deck and steps. The columns were made in Mobile and shipped to Paulding on the Chickasawhay River. The side elevations feature the original two-story brick chimneys with flanked by windows on the first and second floors.

The front central entrance has a four-paneled double door framed by an eight-light transom and four-light sidelights set within molded panels. To either side of the entrance are two eight-foot-tall 9/9 wood windows framed by the shutters. These are the original windows, though panes of glass have been replaced through the years. The roof was replaced in 1992. Each window in the main house has shutters. The shutters on the front and east side have been rebuilt, but the west side and back shutters are the original.

A rear gallery wraps around two sides of the kitchen/dining area and separates the main house from this kitchen/dining area. This design was for purposes of separating the heat of the kitchen from the main portion of the home. The kitchen/dining area has a gabled roof on each end with the undercut gallery surrounding the south and west sides. The dining area has a south entrance and east entrance. Entrance to the kitchen and pantry is through one door from the dining room. These rooms remain very plain, but made of the same six-inch heart of pine walls and floors.

The interior of the house features a large central hall with two rooms on each side. The walls in the hallway and in each room are the original six inch virgin heart of pine and the ceiling is made of tongue-and-groove board (virgin heart of pine). Each baseboard is the original twelve-inch heart of pine. The molding used around the windows, doors, baseboards, and mantels is plain, but also made of heart of pine. The back door and doors to each of the four rooms are four paneled. The

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front door knob is the original porcelain. Door knobs for the remainder of the doors are the original, but not porcelain, and every door is hung with original hinges and screws. The ceiling is 12 feet 3 inches tall in each room on the lower floor and the central hallway. The two front rooms on the lower floor and the two rooms on the second floor have fireplaces, though the fireplaces on the first floor have been closed off and replaced by a gas heater. The front rooms on the lower floor are 15 feet X 15 feet and the back rooms on the lower floor are 14 feet X 11 feet eight inches. The hallway is 9 feet 11 inches wide. The floors in the entire home are the original and made of heart of pine.

The virgin heart of pine mantels in the two front rooms and the two rooms on the second floor are original to the house. The back part of the hallway has had 11 1/2 feet x 3 1/2 feet taken out of it for a bathroom that was added. Originally there was no plumbing and in 1955, a bathroom was installed. Electricity was added in the early 1940s. The wiring remains from this time and there is no central heat or air in the home.

The second story consists of two bedrooms separated by a central stair hall. The wall enclosed staircase to the upstairs is steeply pitched. The bedroom doors match the inside doors on the first floor and the mantels are very similar to the ones below in the front rooms. The fireplaces on the second floor remain open. The walls and floors are made of the same six inch heart of pine as on the first floor. Trim on the second floor around the doors, mantels and base board is plain.

There are three contributing outbuildings. The smoke house and chicken coop were built by the grandsons of Narcissus Daniel Graham. The smokehouse was built in 1933 by James Lamar Graham and his brother, Narcissus Dave Graham. The chicken coop was built in 1936 by James Lamar Graham and another brother, Jack Graham. The barn was built around the same time. James Lamar Graham added a carport to the side of the chicken coop in the early 1990s.

The smokehouse, chicken coop and barn have dirt floors and the walls were built without nails cutting grooves in the logs and putting together like the primitive log cabins. Nails were used on the tin roofs.

The setting around the house has changed very little with redbud trees and crepe myrtles still surrounding the front yard. The house remains today much as it did in the 1860s and retains a high degree of integrity.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Graham House is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent local example of a rural vernacular Greek Revival galleried planter's cottage with accompanying outbuildings. Construction began by Narcissus Daniel Graham prior to the Civil War. The home was completed after the Civil War and, according to family tradition, is either the first or second home built in Jasper County. At one time, the family owned approximately 5,000 acres, but through the years sold off parcels and now has approximately 185 acres remaining in Section 5 and 16 acres in Section 13.

Narcissus Daniel Graham was born on July 23, 1827 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He was the child of James Edward Graham of Sumter County, South Carolina and Eliza Kesiah Graham of Fairfield County, South Carolina. Family records (Marriage Certificate, Graham Family Bible, Death Certificates and 1880 census) show both parents of Narcissus Daniel Graham died in Sumter County, Alabama. Family members believe the Graham family moved west from South Carolina for cheaper land.

Narcissus' second wife, Mary Josephine Spencer, was born on February 15, 1849 in Lowndes County, Alabama. The couple was married in Paulding, Mississippi. According to family tradition, Graham built the house for Mary Josephine. My sources are not sure when Narcissus moved to Mississippi. Narcissus Daniel Graham died in Rose Hill, Mississippi on October 30, 1892 and Mary Josephine Spencer died in Rose Hill on March 25, 1918.

The home has remained in the family and is currently owned and the residence of Narcissus Daniel Graham's grandson, James Lamar Graham. This home is an example of homes built by small farmers in the antebellum/postbellum years.

Cotton was planted on the land until the 1950s, but was discontinued as the mainstay due to difficulty of finding enough help to harvest it. Afterwards, the grandson, James Lamar Graham raised cattle and corn with surrounding acreage used for growing timber. The outbuildings provide context, illustrating that the house was the center of an agricultural operation. The chicken coop and smokehouse further illustrate the economic self-reliance of rural Mississippi residents during much of the period of significance.

The Graham House takes the form of a galleried planter's cottage. This form is also known as the raised galleried cottage. It is closely related to the Creole cottage found in Louisiana and the Biloxi cottage, common on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. All these forms rely in some fashion on Caribbean building traditions and were adopted across Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

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Although there is variance in some features, the common features are mostly related to adaptations for tropical and subtropical climates.

By definition, galleried planter's cottages are generally raised off the ground to allow ventilation under the structure. In Mississippi, in inland areas, these houses were generally raised only two to four feet, resting on cedar blocks or brick piers. The houses always have a center hall running the depth of the house and are often double-pile. They are generally one and one-half stories in height, and may have either hipped or side-gabled roofs. Full width galleries—generally under the main roof structure—shield the walls from the daytime sun and create outdoor living space. Galleries could be found on one, two, three or four sides.<sup>1</sup>

Other adaptations to the climate include high ceilings, generally nine to ten feet in smaller houses but sometimes up to fourteen or sixteen feet. Windows are often large to accommodate breezes, and it is not unusual to find jib windows allowing full access to the front gallery.

The Graham House typifies the galleried planter's cottage. The house is raised about two feet on brick piers. The house is one and one-half stories and features a full-width gallery on the front façade as well as full-length gallery on the rear kitchen ell (which actually extends the center hall the length of the building. Two rooms on either side open onto the center hall, although in the Graham House the hall and stairs have been enclosed. The nearly full-height windows and the twelve-foot ceilings are common raised planter's cottage features.

Although no exhaustive study of the architectural resources in Jasper County, Mississippi, has been conducted, other studies suggest the planter's cottage form was not widely seen there. An unpublished study of the distribution of planter's cottages conducted by MDAH chief architectural historian Richard Cawthon in the late 1990s found no examples in Jasper County, none in adjacent Smith County, none in adjacent Wayne County and only one in adjacent Jones County. Those counties were settled in the same period as Jasper County. The distribution study found concentrations of the form in southwest Mississippi, generally in areas of early nineteenth-century settlement.

One anomalous finding was a concentration of hip-roofed galleried cottages found in Clarke County, immediately west of Jasper County (Antebellum Houses in Clarke County, NR 1979). These house were clustered in the town of Enterprise rather than on rural farmsteads, while the rural houses identified in the nomination were generally other house forms.

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<sup>1</sup> Stanly Shuler. *Mississippi Valley Architecture, Houses of the Lower Mississippi Valley*. Exton, PA: Schiffer Publishing, Ltd., 1984, p. 7-9.



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In form, the Graham House is a raised planter's cottage. However, in style it is a vernacular version of the Greek Revival style popular throughout the southern United States, including Mississippi.<sup>2</sup> This "vernacular Greek Revival" persisted in rural areas of Mississippi and other southern states well into the late nineteenth century, long after the style had gone out of fashion nationally. Characteristics of this vernacular style include simpler versions of the porch columns found on the larger plantation mansions, uniformly rectilinear openings, simple but defined entablatures, and molded capitals. The Graham House exemplifies this stylistic language in its colonnaded gallery with simple entablature, simple transom over the main entrance, and mantles featuring wide unadorned entablatures resting on pilasters with restrained capitals. The house is the centerpiece of the property and provides the architectural significance under Criterion C.

The assemblage of farm-related outbuildings exemplifies the continued and adaptive agriculture practices of the Graham farm. Cotton farming provided income for much of the farm's history, while subsistence farming and cattle raising kept the farm working after the 1950s. The extant barn, chicken coop and smokehouse, built in the 1930s, most likely served the everyday needs of the farm, providing fresh and cured meats supplemented by vegetables and fruits grown in garden patches. The outbuildings are constructed of logs most likely taken from the farm property. The buildings add to the agricultural significance of the property under Criterion C, as representative of the types of ancillary farm buildings that typify agricultural practice in Jasper County.

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<sup>2</sup> Roger C. Kennedy, *Greek Revival America*. New York: Stewart, Tabori & Chang, Inc, 1989, p. 20,24.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:**

The property is located on the north side of N/2 of SE/4 of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 13 East. The boundary being nominated is a rectangular parcel 1100' x 750' in size: measuring app. 800 feet from the front on the home south to CR 1824, app. 600' east to the barn, app. 150' west to the smokehouse and app. 300' to the back fence line.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:**

The nominated boundaries encompass approximately 3 acres. Although James Lamar Graham owns 185 acres around the home (plus an additional 16 acres in Section 13), the 185 acres in Section 5 is divided by County Road 1832. The boundary around the home includes the home, smokehouse, detached carport with chicken coop. This boundary was drawn to include only the immediate setting of the house since it is being nominated for architectural significance.

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**PHOTOS**

For photographs 1-7:

1. Graham House
2. Jasper County, MS
3. William M. Gatlin, MDAH
4. December 17, 2007
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS

Photograph 1: South elevation, facing North

Photograph 2: Front door, south elevation, facing North

Photograph 3: West elevation, facing East

Photograph 4: North elevation, East elevation, facing Southwest

Photograph 5: Interior, first floor southeast room, facing East

Photograph 6: Interior, first floor, southwest room, facing West

Photograph 7: Interior, first floor, center hall, facing North

For photographs 8-10:

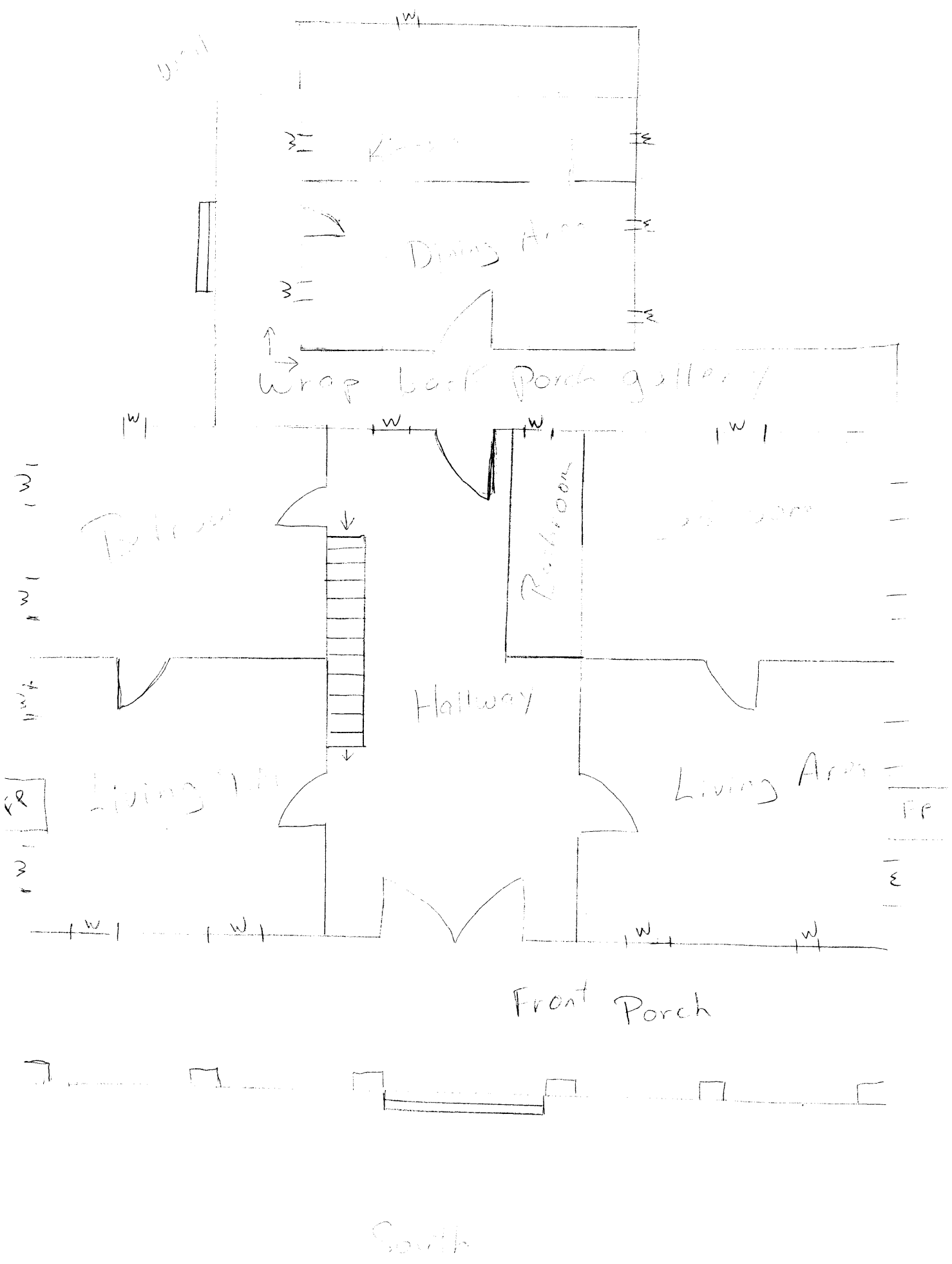
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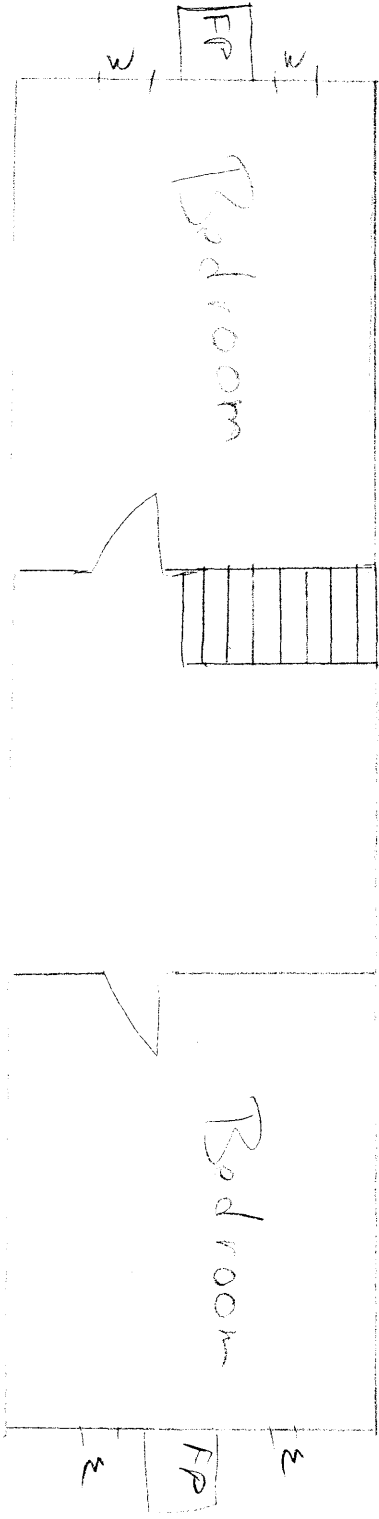
Photograph 8: Smokehouse, facing west

Photograph 9: Chicken coop, facing east

Photograph 10: Barn, facing east

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Second Floor

1/10/11

Dance



APP. 3 acres

Smoke house

Chicken coop

Barn

Garden

Home

Pasture  
(now hayfield)

200' driveway

Pasture  
(now hayfield)

County Road 1824