

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Thomas	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-8-10-0046	DATE 8/12/70

NHL

1. NAME

COMMON: Lapham - Patterson Scarborough House

AND/OR HISTORIC: C.W. Lapham House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 626 North Dawson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Thomasville

STATE: Georgia CODE: 10 COUNTY: Thomas CODE: 275

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Yes: Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural Government Park Transportation Comments

Commercial Industrial Private Residence M Other (Specify)

Educational Military Religious

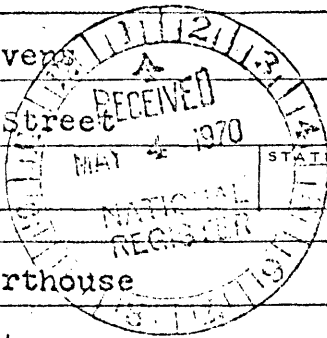
Entertainment Museum Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mrs. Alice P.S. Stevens

STREET AND NUMBER: 626 North Dawson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Thomasville STATE: Georgia CODE: 10



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Thomas County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: North Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Thomasville STATE: Georgia CODE: 10

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5 Acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Thomasville Landmarks Architectural Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local X

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Thomasville Landmarks, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 44

CITY OR TOWN: Thomasville STATE: Georgia CODE: 10

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NATIONAL LANDMARKS STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

LAPHAM-PATTERSON HOUSE, THOMASVILLE

During the High Victorian 1880's when Thomasville, Georgia, became a fashionable winter resort, this three-story mansion was built as the resort home of Chicago shoe manufacturer, C.W. Lapham. Very little is known about who was responsible for design and construction, but the house speaks for itself as an unusually individualistic and vivid record of the taste of an era when people attempted to outdo one another in the creativity brought to the eclectic, picturesque and romantic resort cottage. A consultant to the local landmarks committee described the house in this way:

[It is] the most exuberant and daring Victorian mansion in Thomasville and is a challenge to all others in the state. Innovative in form, detail, and construction, it is complete in every detail including an iron fence and front gate. An architectural tour-de-force.

Because of its evident uniqueness, yet representative "Victorianess" and good state of preservation, the Lapham-Patterson House is presently being readied to serve as a state-owned museum of the era when Thomasville was a Gay Nineties health resort.

C.W. Lapham's connection with the City of Chicago suggests an interesting speculation about the innovative quality of the plan and form. Could it be due to a degree of exposure to the work of Louis Sullivan, H.H. Richardson and others who experimented with domestic architecture in that city? No other High Victorian period house in Georgia is quite so forward looking, especially in its innovative use of plan and space. Note especially the completely unusual staircase in the great hall which winds around, through and is supported by the chimney stack!

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Three story Victorian mansion of exceptional quality. Front facade consists of two octagonal bays seperated by an inset octagonal porch. The roof of the porch is supported by two large panelled octagonal columns, with turned brackets. A narrow porch is located at the second level, opening off two bedrooms, and has excellent detailing. The house is a combination of clapboard and shingle siding, in various decorative patterns. The north bay is panelled in a herringbone pattern, with narrow beaded boards, and a horizontal panelled band across the top of a row of stained glass windows. Window trim and doors are of relatively simple design. The south front bay includes another narrow porch, 'S' shaped in section, and supported by square panelled columns. Panelling of this bay includes horizontal fluted, diagonal and beaded siding. A combination sawn and turned bargeboard runs the entire length of the front facade.

The main house is in need of repairs, and the porte-cochere on the north, with excellent jig-saw detailing, is in dilapidated condition. Two long wings are appended to the body of the house, one a kitchen, the other a large enclosed porch. The rear elevation also includes stained glass windows.

Ceilings in the ground floor are either cast plaster of fine detail or polished wood. All floors are inlaid in a variety of patterns. Numerous fireplaces, stained glass, polished wall panelling and sliding interior doors combine to make this a most important example of Victorian interior design.

Each of the ground floor rooms, none of which is square or rectangular, opens directly to the heavily planted yard or to side porches. Bedrooms on the second floor open to private balconies, and all have fireplaces. The third floor consists of a large 'Party Room'. Virtually all of the original interior detailing remains, including gas chandeliers and wall lights, which have been converted to electricity.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c.1885**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	losophy <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Scarborough House was built circa 1885 by William Miller for the private residence of C.W.Lapham. The house has been in the family of Alice Patterson since 1904. Miss Patterson, now Mrs. Alice Patterson Scarborough Stevens has owned and lived in the house since 1937.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview by Adele Kimbrough with Mrs. Alice Patterson Scarborough Stevens, 1968.
 Thomas County, Georgia, Deed Book T, p.461, Dec.27, 1884; Deed Book CC, p.590, March 21, 1894; Deed Book PP, p.502, Sept.15, 1905.
Thomasville (Among the Pines) and Thomas County, by Triplett and Burr. Thomasville Times, April 5, 1884, p.3. [Says that the house would be built in the fall.]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

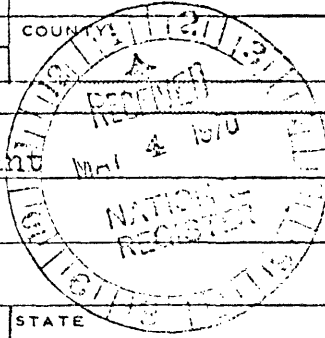
11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Russell Wright, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Thomasville Landmarks DATE: 12/5/69

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 44

CITY OR TOWN: Thomasville STATE: Georgia CODE: 10



12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Liaison Officer - Ga

Date April 28, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

August Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date AUG 12 1970

ATTEST:
William P. Smatke
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 26 1970

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Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

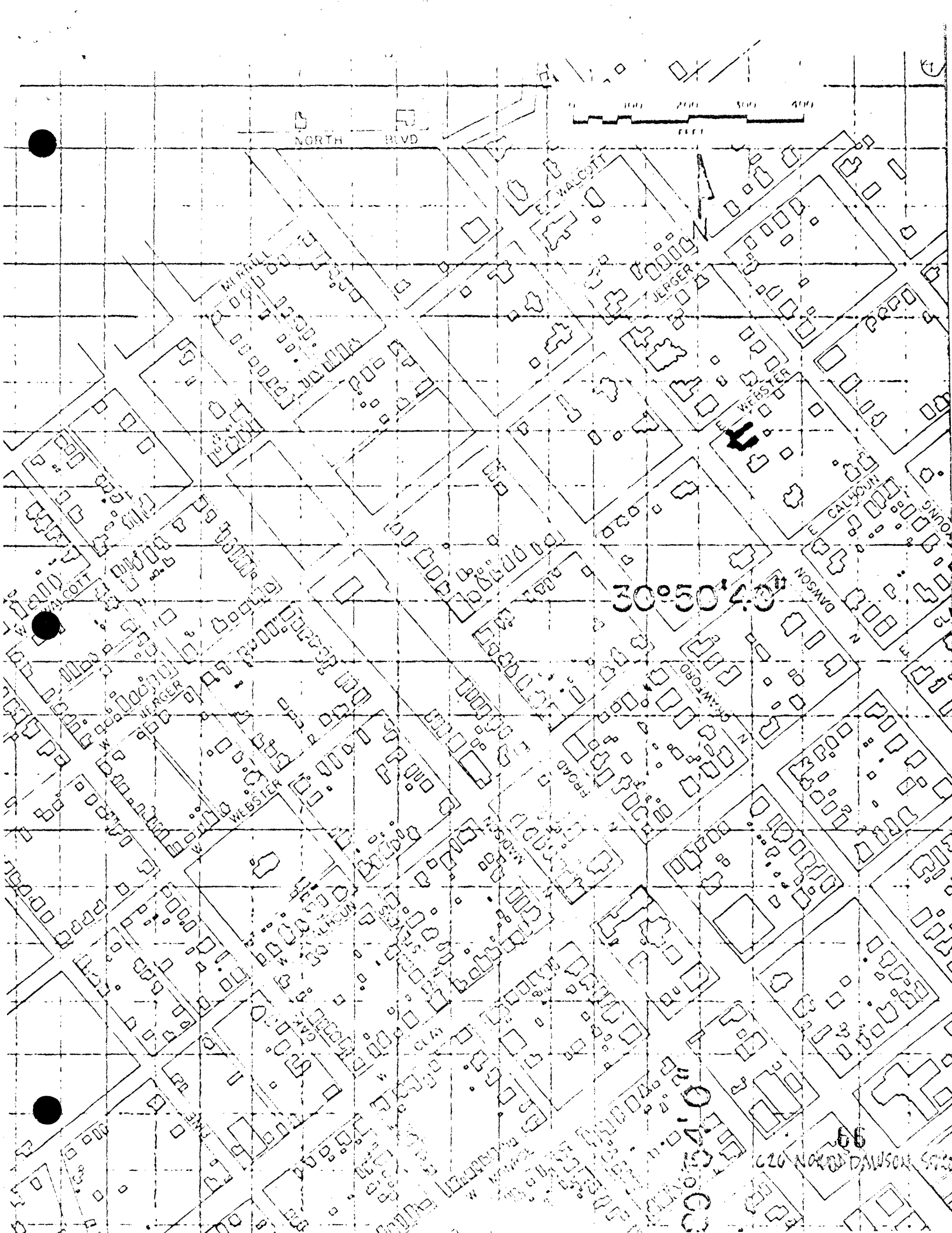
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER			
626 North Dawson Street			
CITY OR TOWN			
Thomasville			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Georgia	13	Thomas	275
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE			
Thomasville Landmarks Architectural Inventory Base Map			
SCALE			
1"=200'			
DATE			
July 1969			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



NORTH BLVD



ALCOTT

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WEBSTER

DAWSON

30° 50' 40"

N. DAWSON

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626 NORTH DAWSON ST