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6th Congressional District

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: GEORGIA	
COUNTY: BIBB	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 20 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Munroe-Goolsby House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Munroe-Goolsby House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
159 Rogers Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

CODE	COUNTY	CODE
13	Bibb	021

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 Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Margaret Goolsby and Dr. Cullen Goolsby, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
159 Rogers Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

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13	GEORGIA

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approximately 1 acre**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright**

* DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local X

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Middle Georgia Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE:
Georgia

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* 2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society
1970 Local

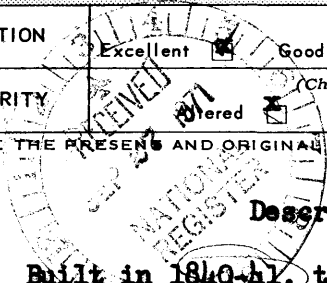
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



Description by Ward Dennis, A.I.A.

Built in 1840-41, this single-story Greek Revival mansion was originally one of the great houses of the period in the Deep South. Loss of the notable south facade when land was subdivided is most regrettable but does not indicate that what remains should not be preserved. Only the west portico is now out of character with the period.

Like its neighbor, the Napier-Small house, the Munroe-Goolsby mansion originally faced Vineville Avenue and was approached through a stately 200 yard avenue of cedars. Unlike the Napier-Small house, however, it is built of brick and stucco and could not be moved and turned when Rogers Avenue was opened. It still rests on its original foundations.

The original south portico was really a loggia with Greek Doric Order recessed between pavilioned extensions of the corner rooms. The Handsome entablature is enriched with Greek fret applied to the frieze, continuous around the house. The same motif is repeated in the cornice of the square cupola centered on hipped roof over the ample hallways to promote up-draft summer ventilation.

Enframement of the double-hung windows consists of a fluted casing with back band and corner blocks at the head. This is similar to the interior trim except that on the interior the corner blocks have rich ornamentation. This type interior trim was in wide usage and is one of the hallmarks marking Greek Revival kinship to the Late Georgian work in England; but usage on exterior is rare.

It is believed that the Greek Doric columns of the west portico are from the original south portico but the porch entablature is Victorian and out of character. It is believed also that the shingles with notched shadowline which now enclose the cupola were installed when the Victorian porch was built. The medium high foundation wall originally had well-proportioned arched under main floor windows. These are now filled solid with brick and stucco.

The north and east facades are original, and the doorway to north terrace corresponds to the original entrance doorway of the south loggia.

Comment by William R. Mitchell, Jr., Georgia Historical Commission
 "Obviously in its heyday this was one of America's really great Greek Revival Style mansions. I've never seen anything quite like it in Georgia. It reminds me of a house in New York State (Hyde Hall, Cooperstown) and in Ohio (Swift House, Vermilion) but it is really in a class by itself."

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3. 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) 1841

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

This house was built in 1841, only eighteen years after Macon was established on the west side of the Ocmulgee River. It was one of the fine estate manors built well back from the road which later became Vineville Avenue, leading north toward Monroe County. It faced the road and was approached through a long avenue of Cedars.

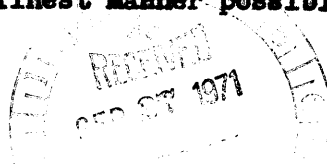
During the years, however, the house has been remodeled several times and now faces Rogers Avenue although the house itself has not been moved. The unique Greek-Key motif under the eaves has not been changed.

The builder, Nathan C. Munroe, banker, was a director of the Macon & Western Railroad, served as president, treasurer, and trustee of the Georgia Academy for the Blind from its founding, and served as Senior Warden of Christ Church Parish for more than twenty-five years. From Nathan Munroe's bound newspaper files, John C. Butler wrote his "History of Macon and Central Georgia."

Munroe's daughter, Blanche, married Captain John McIntosh Kell in Christ Church in 1856. Captain Kell was, in 1853, master of Commodore Perry's flagship when Perry opened trade with Japan. During the War Between the States Captain Kell was Executive Officer of the Confederate Cruiser "Alabama." The Kell family made their home here.

At Munroe's death, the property was inherited by his son and three daughters who sold the house and nine acres to Charles H. Rogers in 1869. An entrance was made by Rogers on the side of the house to face the new street called Rogers Avenue.

The deed to the house has passed through many hands since Rogers' death in 1892, and it is now owned by Dr. and Mrs. Cullen Goolsby who maintain it in the finest manner possible.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Butler, John C. History of Macon and Central Georgia. Macon, Georgia, 1879.
 Young, Gholsen & Hargrove. The History of Macon, Georgia 1823-1949. Macon, Georgia, 1950.
 Files of Goolsby owners.
 Description by Ward Dennis, Architect, September, 1971.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0	0		32 0 50	83 0 39 20	
NE						
SE						
SW						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mr. John J. McKay, Jr., President**

ORGANIZATION: **Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **March, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **c/o Macon Coliseum**

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

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 G. Quatt

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: September 20, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ann A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

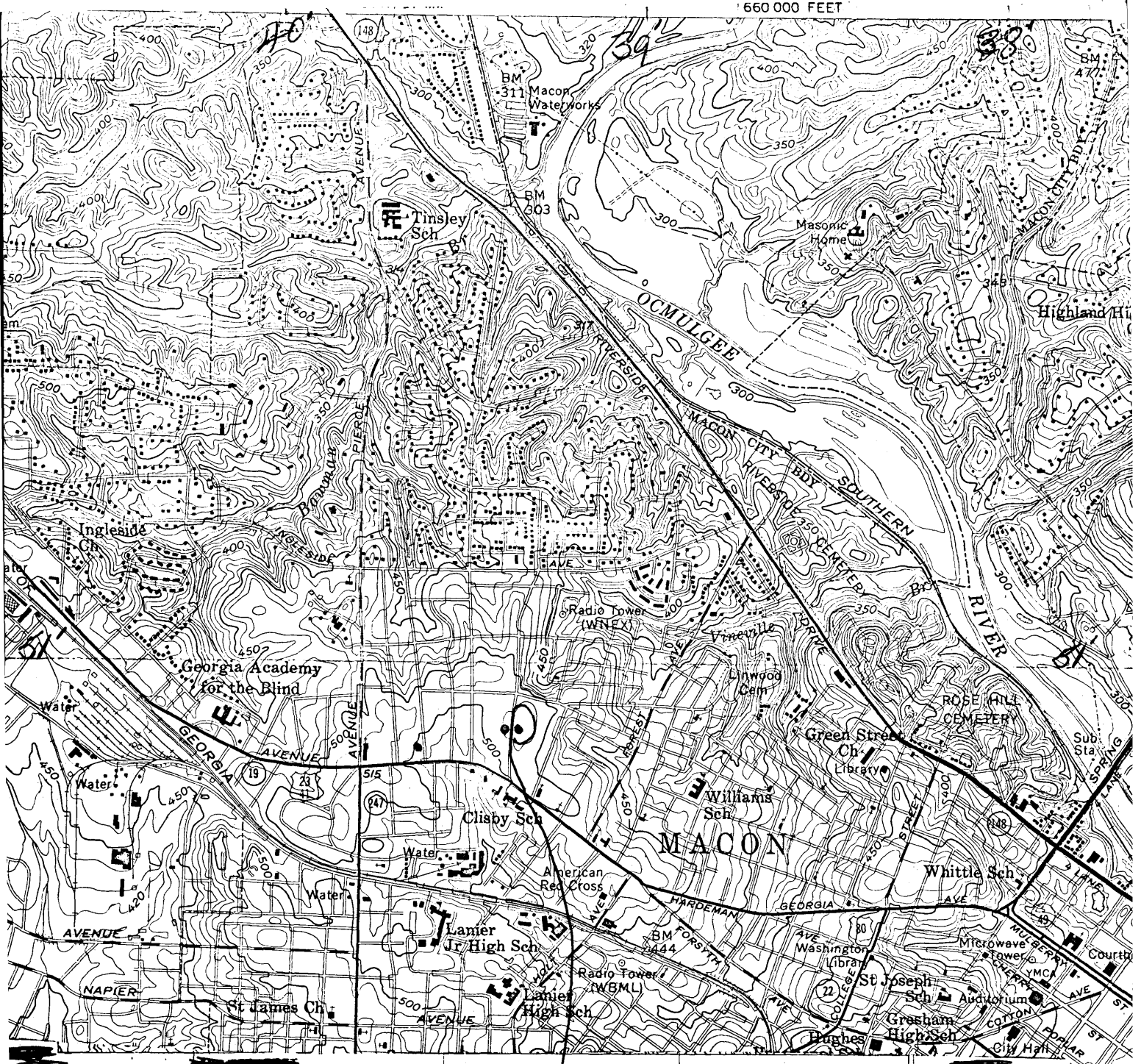
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ATTEST:

Spadford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Jan 17, 1972

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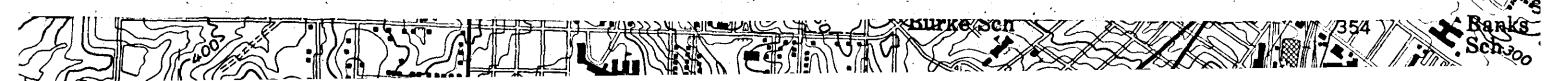
Goolsby -
 Latitude - 32° 50' 50"
 Longitude - 83° 39' 20"

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 Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsh plotter
 Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check, 1956.
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Georgia coordinate system,
 west zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 17, shown in blue
 Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
 visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
 Red tint indicates areas in which only
 landmark buildings are shown

TRUE NORTH
 MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN
 DECLINATION, 1956

Scale: 1" = 2,000'



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	Geological Survey Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Georgia Geodetic Survey		
SCALE:	1" = 2,000'		
DATE:	1956		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

