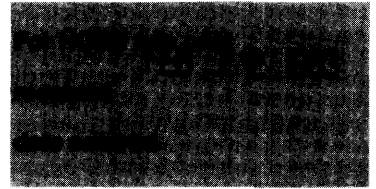


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Gordon Avenue Apartments

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 424 Gordon Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Thomasville N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Georgia code 013 county Thomas code 275

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | N/A in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Thomas L. Williams, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 378

city, town Thomasville N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31792

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Thomas County Courthouse

city, town Thomasville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title See continuation sheet has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Gordon Avenue Apartments is a Tudor Revival style apartment building located on a landscaped lot in a historic residential area of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia.

The "L" shaped complex is two stories throughout with a basement and third story in the central section at the angle of the "L". It has a concrete foundation in the central section and is supported on brick piers with brick skirting elsewhere. The structure features a variety of building materials and detailing typical of Tudor Revival design. The predominant building material is brick, although the gable areas are half-timbered. The slate roof is hipped above the third floor section and gabled elsewhere. A large brick chimney in somewhat deteriorated condition projects well above the roof of the central section. Windows are nine-over-nine double hung sash set singly and in groups of two and three. Those on the front facade, ends, and some on the rear are highlighted on their sides with irregular, jagged brick projections which add to the rustic finish of the building. Three front entrances, one with a metal hood and two with label molding, all have oak doors. They alternate along the "L" shaped front with four small two-story porches. Three of these porches are supported by square brick piers and have heavy "Tudor" timberwork in the second floor pediment areas; the fourth is all brick with a Tudor arch supporting the second level. Wrought iron balustrades surrounding first floor porches, fieldstone in the chimney and around a few key windows and the central entrance, half-timbered gables, and dormers provide additional decorative accents. On the rear, two exterior wooden stairways lead to second floor exits. One small first floor rear porch, originally screened, has been enclosed.

The interior of the structure has a basement and ten apartments, four each on the first two floors and two on the third. The basement contains a boiler room, rest rooms, and an additional room. The apartments each have a living room entered through an arched entry way, a dining room-kitchen area, a bath, one or two bedrooms, a hall, and closet space. The apartments are finished with plaster walls and ceilings, oak flooring, simple architrave trim around windows and doors, baseboards, built-in china cabinets in the dining rooms, and, in the living rooms, cornices and French doors leading to balconies. Bathrooms have hexagonal tile floors and tile walls. Apartments are entered from one of three front stair halls which have simple yet finely crafted stairways with square birch newel posts and handrails, pine bannisters and risers, and oak treads. Each apartment also has a rear kitchen exit. The apartments are currently undergoing rehabilitation.

The complex is located on a large corner lot at the junction of Gordon Avenue and Seixas Streets. The property is landscaped on the front and south side with paths, lawn, formal beds, dogwoods, azeleas, small oaks and large pines. A cement bench is located in the side yard. Behind the building is a dirt drive and a long, low, newly constructed, fourteen-stall garage with a shed roof. This closely resembles the original garage at the same location which was demolished recently because of its dilapidated condition. The apartments are located in a historic residential neighborhood with many large houses on large lots. The block across Gordon Avenue from the apartments contains a number of modern doctors' offices.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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Specific dates 1929 **Builder/Architect** Daniell and Beutell, Architects.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Gordon Avenue Apartments building is historically significant in the areas of architecture and local history. In terms of architecture, the building is a fine intact example of the Tudor Revival Style of architecture in Thomasville. In terms of local history, the structure is significant for reflecting the prosperity and population growth Thomasville experienced during the mid - to late - 1920s. This multi-family apartment building was constructed to satisfy the town's need for more housing. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register Criteria A and C.

On the exterior the building exhibits many of the typical design elements of the Tudor Revival style. It is irregularly massed, with a complex roof line and asymmetrically placed entrances and porches. It displays a variety of rustic finish details and medieval stylistic motifs, including the slate roof, irregularly set brick and fieldstone window and door trim, heavy wood timbers, and half-timbering. The somewhat plain interior has no Tudor detailing but typifies in its layout and finish details 1920s apartment design. The plaster walls and ceilings, French doors, simple wood trim around windows and doors, and bathroom tiles and fixtures are all common 1920s interior features.

The apartment complex was designed by Daniell and Beutell, a firm of Atlanta architects who practiced together from 1919 to 1941. Sydney S. Daniell and Russell L. Beutell designed a variety of buildings including the Gainesville City Hall and Hall County Courthouse, a bus station in Atlanta, a sanitarium at Alto and a number of residences. During the 1930s they specialized in designing health clinics and schools.

The construction of the Gordon Avenue Apartments in 1929 was a local reflection of a national building trend during the 1920s and 1930s in which a growing need for new housing was satisfied both through the construction of new apartment complexes and suburban developments. Thomasville, incorporated in 1826, had become a fashionable winter resort town by the 1880s. It experienced a rapid spurt of growth in the mid-to late-1920s. The Gordon Avenue Apartments were constructed in 1929 as one direct response to the need for new middle-class housing. They were located on Gordon Avenue, an area developing during the early-twentieth century as an upper class residential area, near newly constructed Archbold Hospital (1925). At the same time, Glenwood, a "picturesque" subdivision of single-family homes just to the north of the Thomasville Historic District, was laid out.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 2 acres

Quadrangle name Thomasville, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property, outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed map, consists of the acreage associated with the building and coincides with the current legal description of the property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

date January 17, 1983

street & number 270 Washington St. S. W.

telephone 404-656-2840

city or town Atlanta

state Georgia 30334

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date Jan. 17, 1983

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 3/24/83

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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On August 12, 1982, the Preservation Services Division of the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office issued a Preliminary Certification of Significance for this structure.

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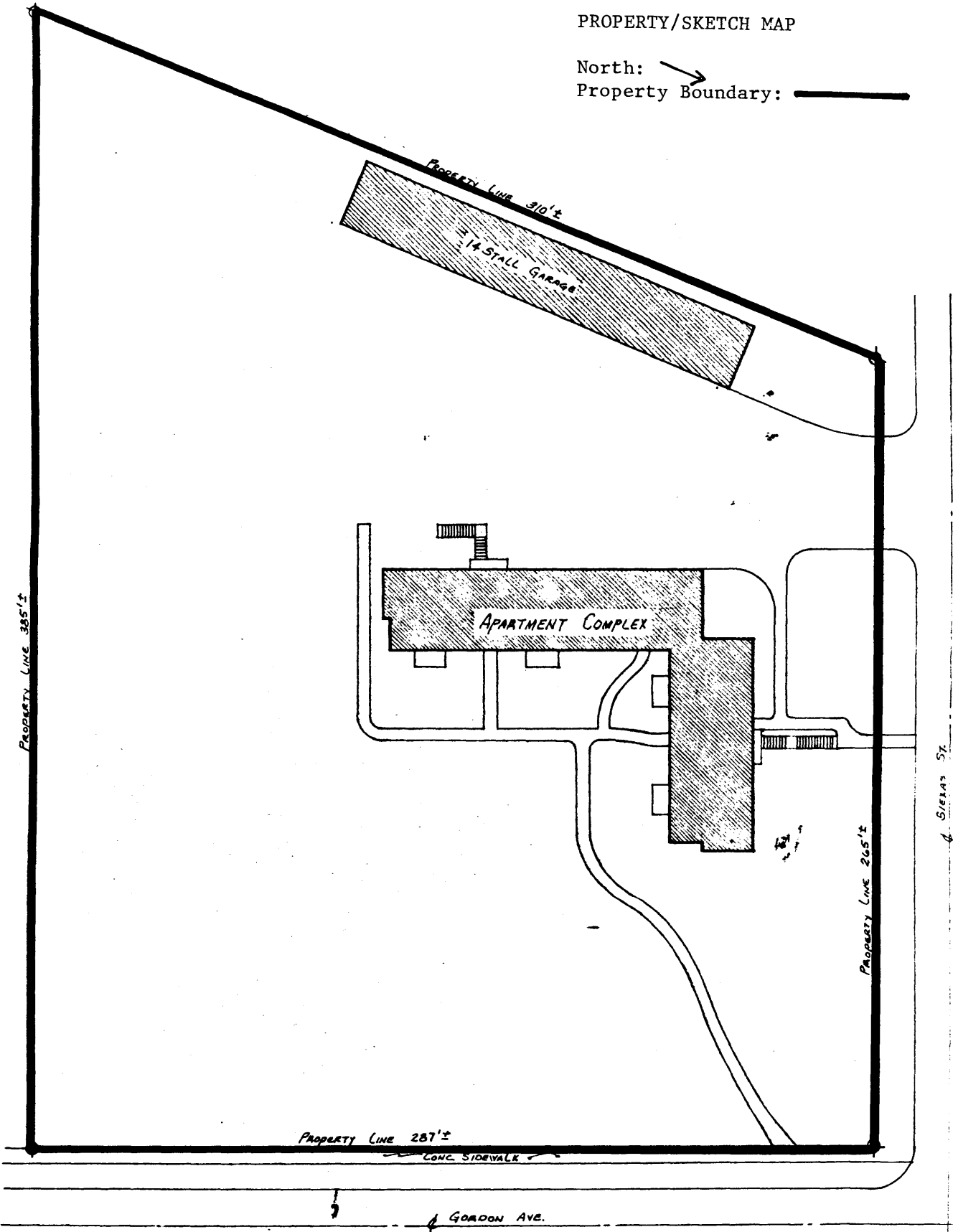
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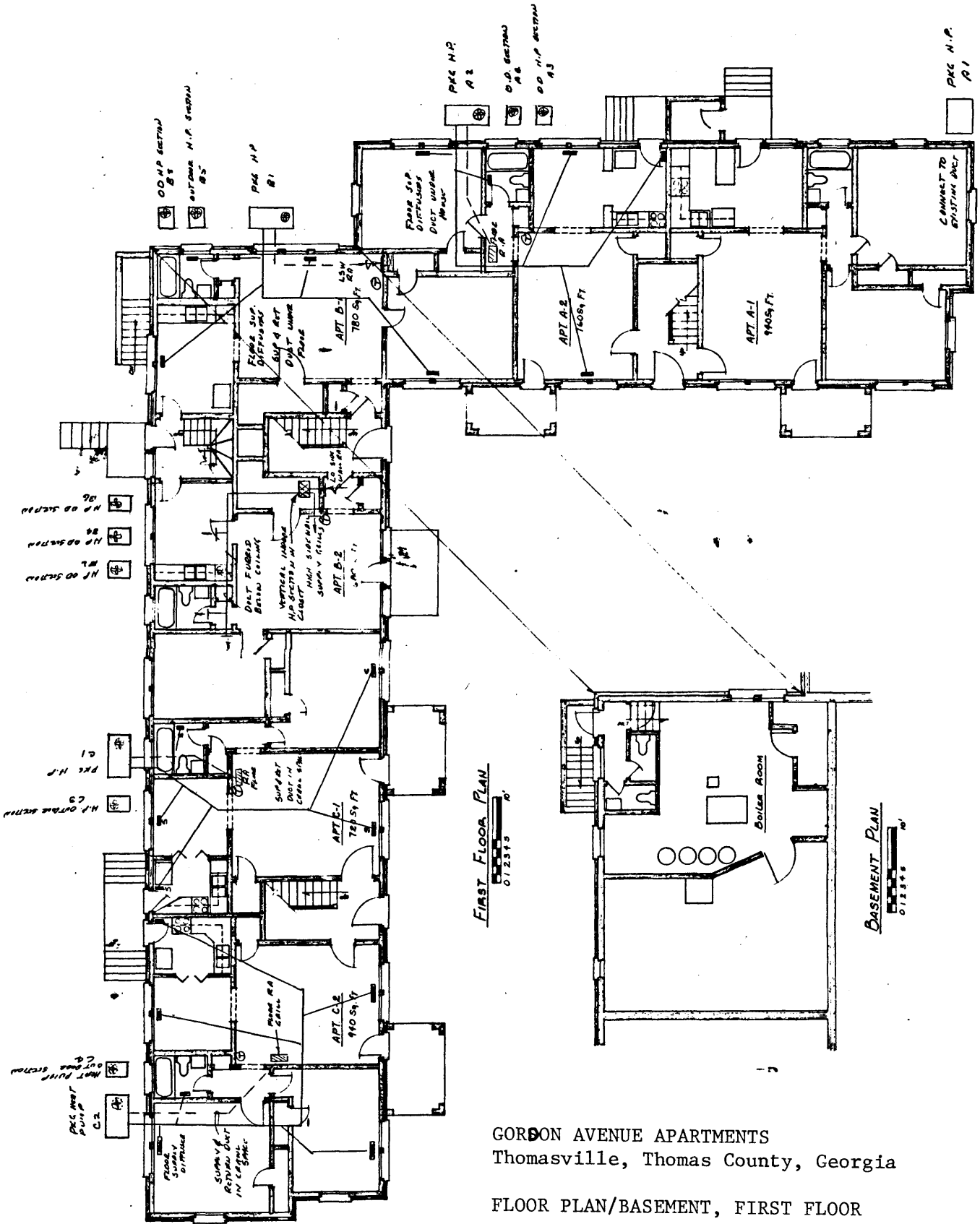
PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP

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SITE PLAN





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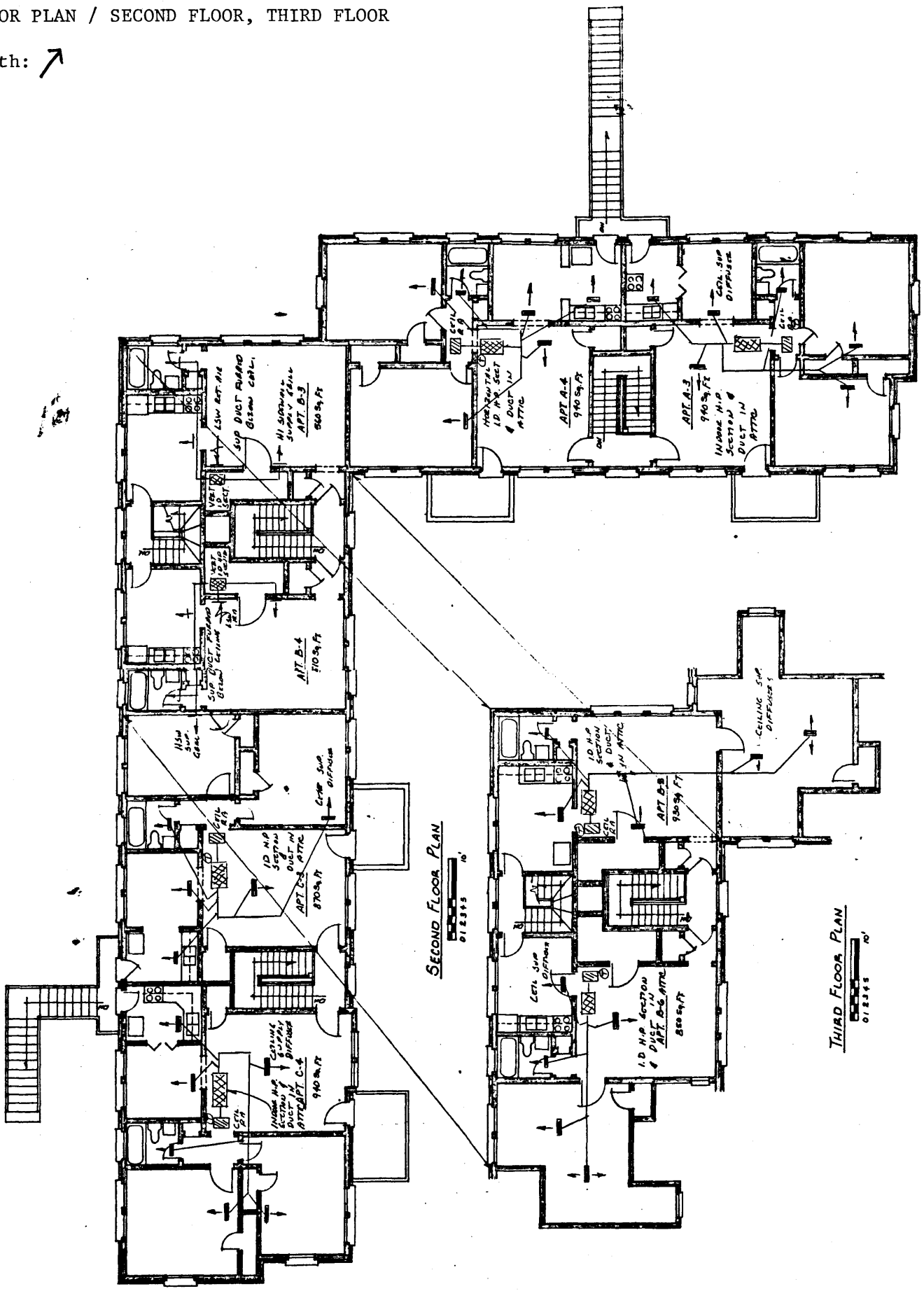
FLOOR PLAN/BASEMENT, FIRST FLOOR

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FLOOR PLAN / SECOND FLOOR, THIRD FLOOR

North: ↗



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN
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