

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

historic name Strange-Duncan House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Georgia State Route 51
city, town Carnesville (X) vicinity of
county Franklin code 119
state Georgia code GA zip code 30521

(N/A) not for publication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	3	0
sites	1	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	4	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources along the Old Federal Road in Georgia's Banks and Franklin Counties, c. 1805-1946.

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.

Mark R. Edwards
Signature of certifying official

10/07/96
Date

Mark R. Edwards
State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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 H. Beall

11.7.96

determined eligible for the National Register

Entered in 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
AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuildings

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

OTHER: Plantation Plain

Materials:

foundation	brick
walls	wood/weatherboard
roof	standing seam metal
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Strange-Duncan House, built c. 1820, is a clapboard Plantation Plain type house with a standing seam metal roof and two end chimneys. The front porch has undergone the addition of six battered Craftsman porch supports on brick piers with concrete caps. The facade under the porch is covered with 9" flush boards, as is the ceiling. The front door has a transom and sidelights and 4" reeded trim and bull's eye corner blocks. The double paneled front doors have been replaced, but have been retained by the owner. The windows on either side of the front door have the same reeded trim and bull's eye blocks as the front door. The sashes have been changed to 12 panes in the upper sash, one large pane in the middle sash, and the lower sash paneled. A 5" beaded baseboard finishes the flush boards along the front facade.

The second floor facade has five 9/6 double sash windows. There is dentil work under the front eaves and along the beaded board under the porch roof. Both gable ends have chimneys. The west end chimney has a fieldstone base and bricks extending upward, and the east end chimney is all brick. There are two small fixed-pane windows in each of the two attic gables, each with four lights.

The rear shed has 6/6 windows, some new and smaller than those of the rest of the house. The centered back door has 9/6 windows to either side. The second story windows on the rear are 6/6. Clapboards are beveled replacements.

The front hall has 10" painted boards on the walls and ceiling. The door at the end of the hall has been replaced, and the transom has been covered. The original steps to the second floor begin in the right rear corner of the hall, then turn and run along the right wall,

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toward the front of the second story. There is a small closet with a two panel door under the steps. Linoleum covers the wood floor. The two rooms on either side of the hall have been paneled, linoleumed, and their ceiling tiled. The original walls were plaster and the two fireplaces have been covered. The first floor fireplace has the same reeded trim as the front of the house. Ceilings are approximately 9 feet. Interior doors have been replaced.

The stairs run into a narrow hall on the second floor, which runs parallel to the front of the house. The hall has painted 5" floorboards, 10" wide wall boards and ceilings boards. The small bedroom to the left of the stairs has the same walls, ceilings and floors as the hall. The bedrooms on both ends of the second floor were originally plastered and they have paneling, tile, and linoleum over the original walls, ceilings, and floors. The fireplaces in both these room have been covered. The largest bedroom, on the right end, has a narrow staircase (over the other staircase) going to the attic.

Attic joists are 3" x 7", 2' on center. Rafters are true 2" x 4", 2' center with lathing perpendicular and tin directly on lathing and ridge board. The 13' deep rear shed originally consisted of a porch at the center and a bedroom with fireplace to either side. It was remodeled to include a kitchen, a bath, a hall, and a bedroom around 1960.

The two agricultural outbuildings include a wood-framed barn and a wood shed. The front-gabled wood shed with side and rear additions is located behind the main house. The front-gabled barn is clad with weatherboard and located in a field east of the main house.

The yard of the Strange-Duncan House has many large trees, including walnuts and numerous flowery shrubs. The Strange family cemetery is approximately 300 yards southeast of the house, on the nominated 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
AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance:

C. 1820-1946

Significant Dates:

c. 1820
c. 1863
c. 1890

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Seth Strange

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

Architecture

The Strange-Duncan House is significant in architecture for its c. 1820 farmhouse and associated agricultural outbuildings. The house was built by Seth Strange c. 1820. The house is a good example of an early-19th century Plantation Plain type house, with two-story, one-room-deep main section with front shed porch and rear shed rooms. Historic outbuildings include a wood-framed barn.

Agriculture

The Strange-Duncan House is significant in agriculture as an example of the type of farm complex found in north Georgia and along this portion of the Old Federal Road during this period. The majority of farms in the area were small subsistence farms, raising crops and livestock to sustain the families who lived there. Crops included corn, oats, and wheat as well as vegetables. This farm was larger than most in the area, and cotton was grown as a cash crop. The house was built by Seth Strange, who became a prosperous farmer and was one of only a few farmers in the area who owned slaves. Strange sold the farm to John Duncan (1804-1890) in 1863, and Duncan continued to prosper from the farm. The property was sold to W. H. T. Gillespie (1861-1923) after Duncan's death in 1890, and the house was used as a tenant house.

National Register Criteria

The Strange-Duncan House meets National Register Criteria A and C. The house meets Criterion A for its association with the agricultural history of the Old Federal Road area as a typical small farm complex in Banks and Franklin Counties in Georgia. The Strange-Duncan House meets Criterion C as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a early-19th century Plantation Plain type farm house in the piedmont region of Georgia, as well as for its domestic and agricultural outbuildings.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

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Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for the Strange-Duncan House begins with the construction of the house c. 1820 and ends in 1946, the end of the historic period.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The contributing house, two agricultural outbuildings, and cemetery retain integrity and were built within the period of significance. There are no noncontributing elements within the National Register boundary.

Developmental history/historic context (if applicable)

Many of the earliest settlers along the Old Federal Road acquired their property through Revolutionary War land grants. Seth Strange came to Franklin County with his parents in the first years of the 19th century to settle, after receiving a Revolutionary War land grant. Strange built his Plantation Plain type house around 1820 with the use of slave labor. His parents house was located approximately three miles from his house along Nails Creek.

Strange sold his property to John Duncan, a prosperous South Carolina slave holder, in 1863. Duncan, along with the Ariails, represents the third wave of settlers that moved into the region. According to the 1880 Agricultural Census, Duncan was the owner of a farm consisting of 56 tilled acres, 600 acres of woodlands, and 299 unimproved acres. The value of his land, buildings, and fences was estimated to be worth \$5,952; the farm implements were estimated at \$155; and the livestock was estimated at \$50. Duncan owned 1 horse, 2 mules, 2 milk cows, 5 other cows, 21 swine, and 60 barnyard poultry. Duncan had 20 acres planted in cotton which yielded 17 bales, 12 acres of corn which yielded 500 bushels, 4 acres of oats which yielded 75 bushels, and 7 acres of wheat which yielded 65 bushels.

The house was sold by Duncan to W. H. T. Gillespie after Duncan's death in 1890. The Gillespie family had a farm located east of the Strange-Duncan House and used the house as tenant housing.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Aerial photos, from University of Georgia collections:

Banks County 1938, 1941, 1942, 1951, 1956, 1980
Franklin County 1938, 1951, 1956, 1967, 1980

Current photos: Taken April-May, 1985 by Sybil A. Bowers

Historic maps, from University of Georgia collections:

1818 Georgia map, includes roads
1829 Georgia map, includes roads
1836 A New Map of Georgia with its Roads and Distances
1846 A New Map of Georgia with its Roads and Distances
1860 County Map of Georgia and Alabama
1883 Georgia State Gazetteer map
1894 Post Route map
1909 USDA Soils Map of Franklin County
1909 Map of Banks County
1910 Map of Franklin County
1916 Department of Agriculture map of the State of Georgia

Historic photos: contact prints, Vanishing Georgia Collection, property of Franklin County Historical Society

Interviews, Roger McConnell by Sybil A. Bowers

10 December 1984, 17 April 1985, 24 April 1985, 1 May 1985,
15 May 1985, 22 May 1985, and 29 May 1985

Interviews, Roger McConnell by Susan Casey

January 1990 and October 1990

National Register Nomination for Homer, Georgia, written
September, 1984

Road maps, GMAPDC collections:

1967, Franklin County, 1972, Banks County

Sherwood, Adiel. Gazetteer of the State of Georgia 1827, 1860

Georgia State Gazetteers, 1879-80, 1881-82, 1886

USGS topographic maps, 1967:

Homer, Ashland quadrangles

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- () 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 # N/A**
- () recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # N/A**

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office**
- Other State Agency**
- Federal agency**
- Local government**
- University**
- Other, Specify Repository: Georgia Mountains RDC**

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 15 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 281140 Northing 3805680

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the property is indicated by a solid black line drawn to scale on the accompanying National Register Boundary map. This map is based on the current county tax maps which are drawn to a scale of 1"=660'. These maps are the largest scale maps available for this rural area.

Boundary Justification

Boundaries include historic structures, buildings, and visual representation of historic acreage. The boundary consists of existing current legal boundary lines along the northeastern section of the boundary and topographical features, such as tree lines, are used to along the southwest section to include the area of land that conveys the significance of the property.

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Photographs

Name of Property: Strange-Duncan House
City or Vicinity: Near Carnesville
County: Franklin
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: March 9, 1994

Note: Photography was field checked in July, 1996; photographs still convey an accurate representation of the property.

Description of Photograph(s):

- Photo 1 of 9 Front facade of the Strange-Duncan House; photographer facing southeast.
- Photo 2 of 9 Front porch of the Strange-Duncan House; photographer facing west.
- Photo 3 of 9 Side elevation of the Strange-Duncan House; photographer facing north.
- Photo 4 of 9 Rear facade of the Strange-Duncan House; photographer facing northwest.
- Photo 5 of 9 Associated barn; photographer facing east.
- Photo 6 of 9 Associated barn and fields; photographer facing east.
- Photo 7 of 9 Strange family cemetery; photographer facing east.
- Photo 8 of 9 Interior of first floor; photographer facing south.
- Photo 9 of 9 Interior of second floor; photographer facing west.

National Register Boundary

Strange-Duncan House

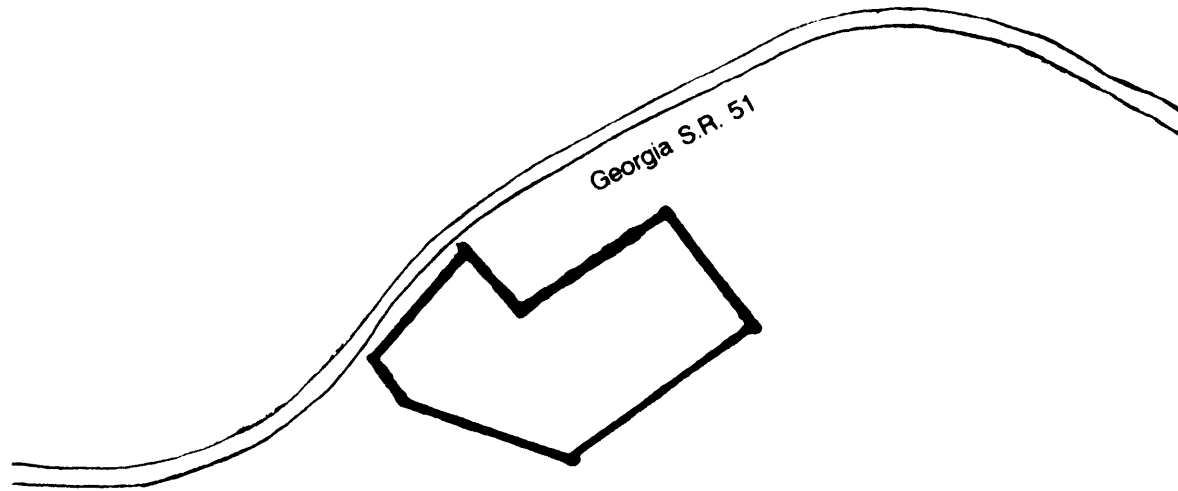
Near Carnesville, Franklin County, GA.

Scale: 1"=660'

Source: Franklin County Tax Map 4

Date: 1989

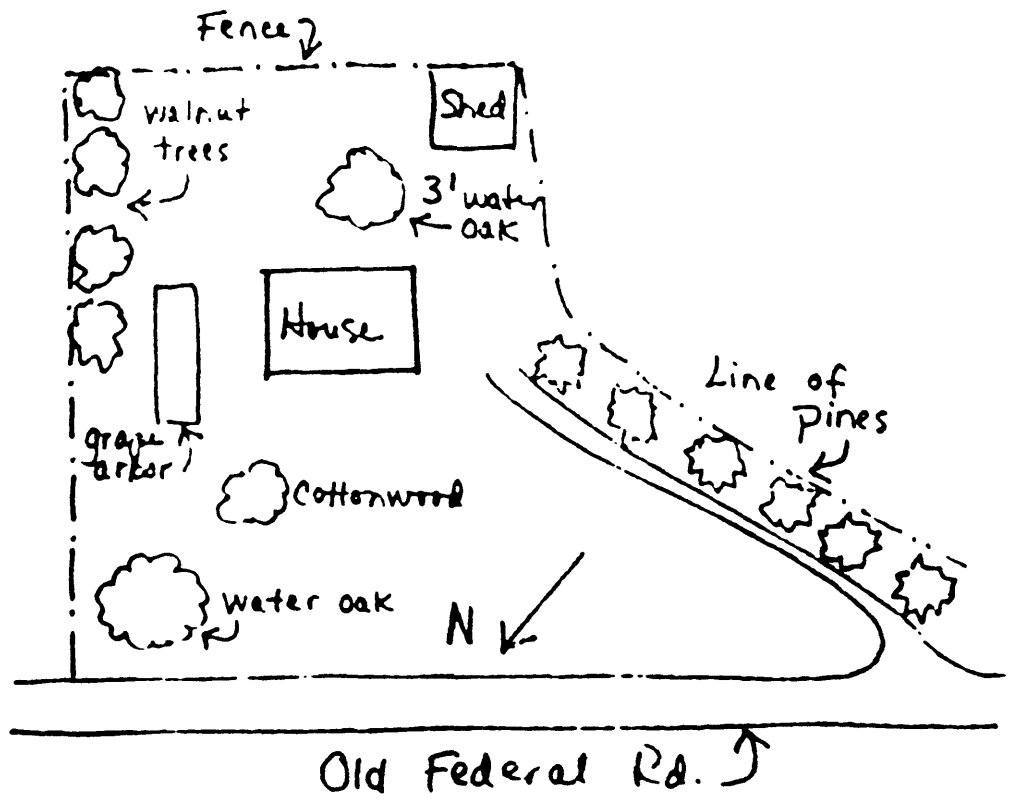
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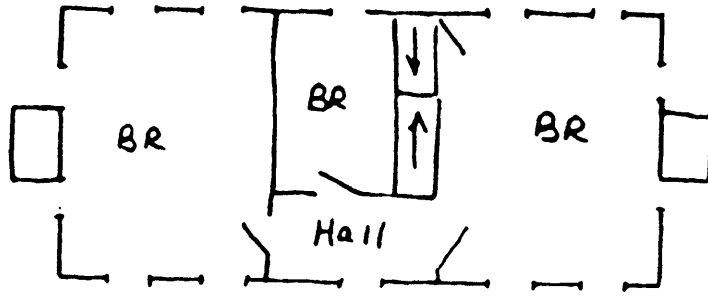
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Site Plan
Strange-Duncan House, Franklin County, GA.
Not to Scale
Source: Sponsor
Date: 1996

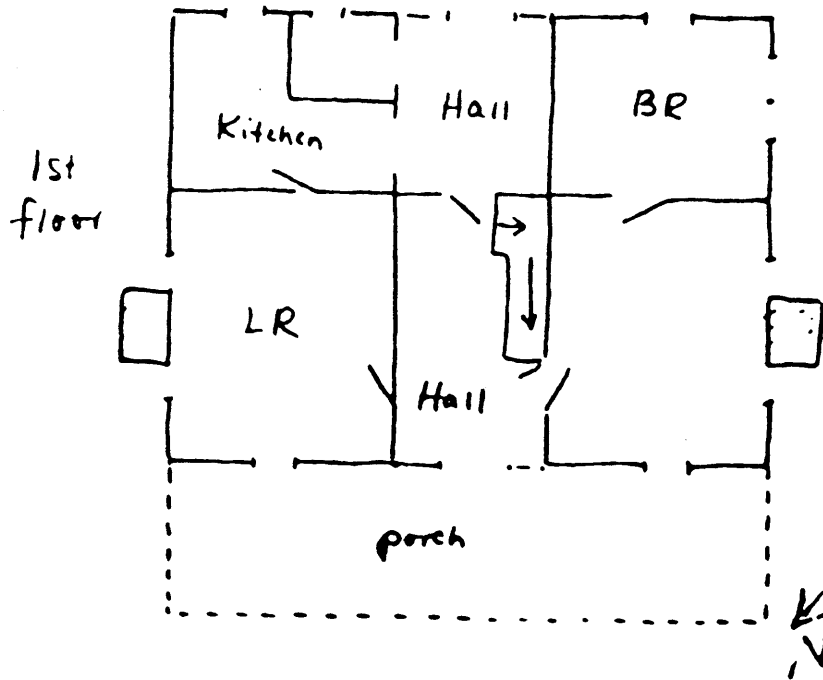
□ barn



Floor Plan
Strange-Duncan House, Franklin County, GA.
Not to Scale
Source: Sponsor
Date: 1996



2nd
-floor



1st
floor