

**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 Bothwell, Dr. James J. House

and/or common Bothwell-Embry House

2. Location

street & number Hartford Avenue (near S.W. corner of Hartford & 7th Avenue) not for publication

city, town Ashville vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Alabama code 01 county St. Clair code 115

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. Lamar Campbell and Rebecca W. Campbell

street & number P. O. Box 149

city, town Ashville vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Clair County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Ashville state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

EXTERIOR

The Bothwell-Embry House is a two-story, wood frame, three-bay wide Federal house with exterior chimneys at the gable ends, and a central two-story columned portico. The portico has four two-story fluted Doric wood columns and a second story balustraded balcony, topped by a pedimented gable. Two pilasters frame the first and second floor doorways to the portico, and two more form the front corners of the house. The two-panel doors both have sidelights and transoms. Two rear wings were added to the original section of the house; one for a dining room, kitchen, and upstairs bedroom, and a second for two bedrooms. The area between the wings was enclosed for a ball and sun room. A rear porch was also added. The roof has been modified from a gable to a hip to accommodate the additions. The house is sheathed in hand-sawn clapboards, and is constructed of large pegged timbers. The floor joists are notched and fitted, and are of hand-hewn heart pine. There is a basement with 5'6" headroom.

The windows on the original section are nine-over-nine sash on the first floor, and nine-over-six on the second floor. The additions have four-over-four, or two-over-two sash. There is a bay window in the dining room. The windows on the original section of the house have hand-made louvered shutters.

INTERIOR

The doors and windows of the original portion of the house are trimmed with built-up moulding and feature crosette corner blocks, with carved medallions. Many doors have their original box locks. The identical mantles in the parlor and master bedroom are fairly simple in the Adamesque style. The staircase has a fairly simple carved newel post, balusters and a rail ending in a scroll. There is a scroll-work design carved into the stringer. Other woodwork includes wainscoting under the windows and heavy baseboards. The chairrail in the earlier rooms has been removed, but is currently being reproduced. Floors are wide heart pine boards. Walls are plaster.

The house, which sits on a hillside facing west on about 3/4 acre of land, has undergone many expansions over the years. Expanded in 1852, 1882 and 1917, it has also seen the addition of bathrooms on both floors, a rear porch, and is currently undergoing renovation. The outbuildings include an octagonal latticed well-house with a concave octagonal-domed roof and a hand-carved pineapple finial; a smokehouse and a privy.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1835 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

ARCHITECTURE: The Bothwell House is architecturally significant as one of the finest remaining early houses in Ashville. Constructed in 1835 as single-pile, Plantation Plain type structure with Federal Period refinements, it has been expanded in several phases, (1852, 1882, 1917) but each phase has retained its period integrity. The 1852 additions, which consisted of a dining and kitchen wing and a back porch, were the work of Richard A. Crow, a master builder, who also probably worked with the original builder as a young man. The house is particularly noted for its portico and robust Adams-type parlor mantel.

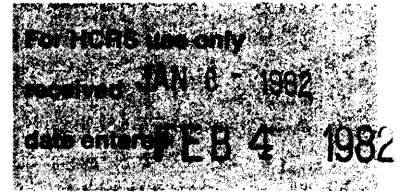
LOCAL HISTORY: The house is associated with Dr. James J. Bothwell, a locally noted physician and politician. Bothwell, the town's second physician, also served first as the Clerk of the Circuit Court. He died in 1852. In 1882 the house was acquired by a local attorney, James A. Embry.

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The house was constructed in 1835 for James J. Bothwell who came to Ashville in 1834. Until that time, Ashville had only one doctor, Dr. Charles C. P. Farrar. In addition to his other services, Bothwell was a charter member of Cataula Masonic Lodge. In 1852, shortly before his death, he hired Richard Crow, a local builder to add a kitchen and dining wing to his house. On his death in 1854, his widow, Ellen Bothwell obtained a license to operate a tavern in her home. In 1857, she sold all her holdings in Ashville and moved to Tishamingo County, Mississippi. Her cousin, Peyton Roway, purchased the home and several years later sold it to W. T. Hodges. In 1880, Judge Leroy F. Box purchased the home which he presented to his daughter Lula on the occasion of her marriage to James A Embry, a local attorney. The Embrys had twelve children, which necessitate additions to the house. In 1978, a grandson of the Embrys sold the house to Dr. Lamar M and Rebecca Campbell, who are currently restoring it.

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Continuation sheet

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Commence at the Southwest corner of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 4 East; thence west along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 14 South, Range 4 East a distance of 34 ft. to a point on the east right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 231, point of beginning: Thence North 1 degree 59 minutes 30 seconds East along said east right of way line a distance of 170.06 ft. to a point; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds E distance of 218.79 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds West 146.25 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 78 feet to a point; thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 25 feet more or less, to a point that is South 88 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds East of the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 145.14 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.81 acres, more or less, and lying and being in the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 4 East and the East half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 14 South, Range 4 East.

Legend:

Ch = Chimney

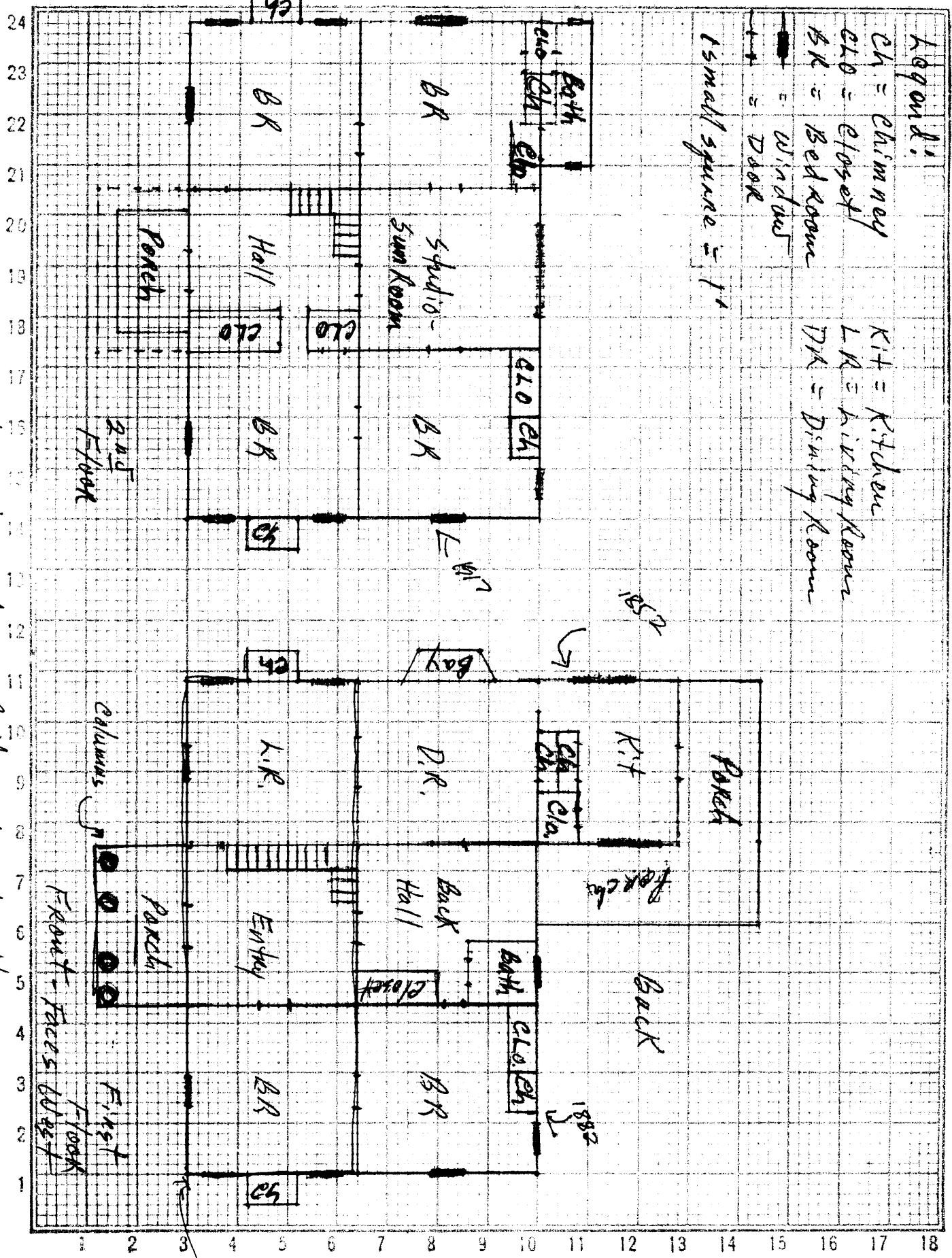
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BR = Bedroom

Kit = Kitchen
L.R. = Living Room
DR = Dining Room

W = Windows
D = Door

Small square = 1'



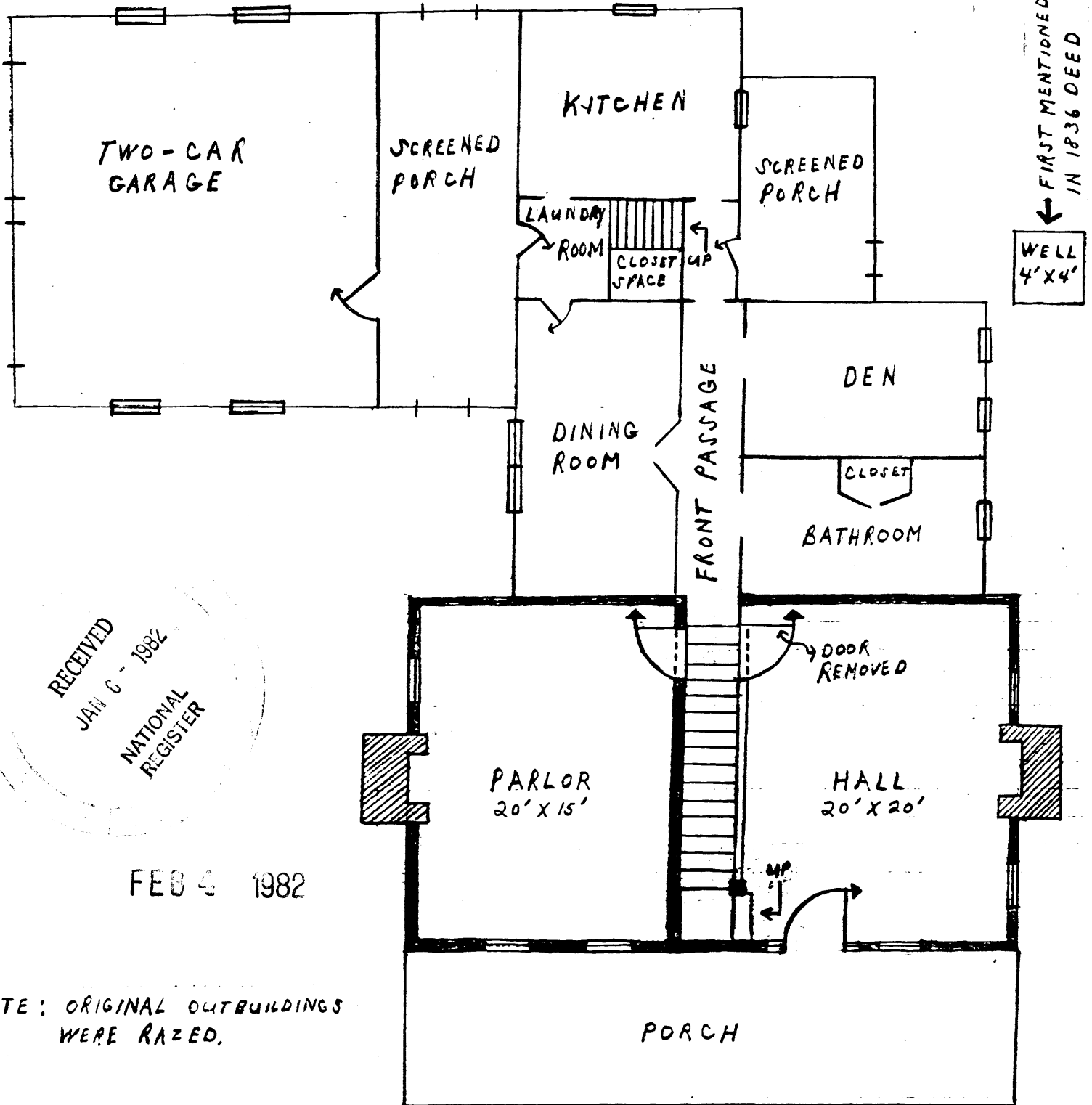
Original Floor Plan

Both-well-Embrey House

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1885

ALLISON-HEWLETT HOUSE
CA. 1823



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NOTE: ORIGINAL OUTBUILDINGS
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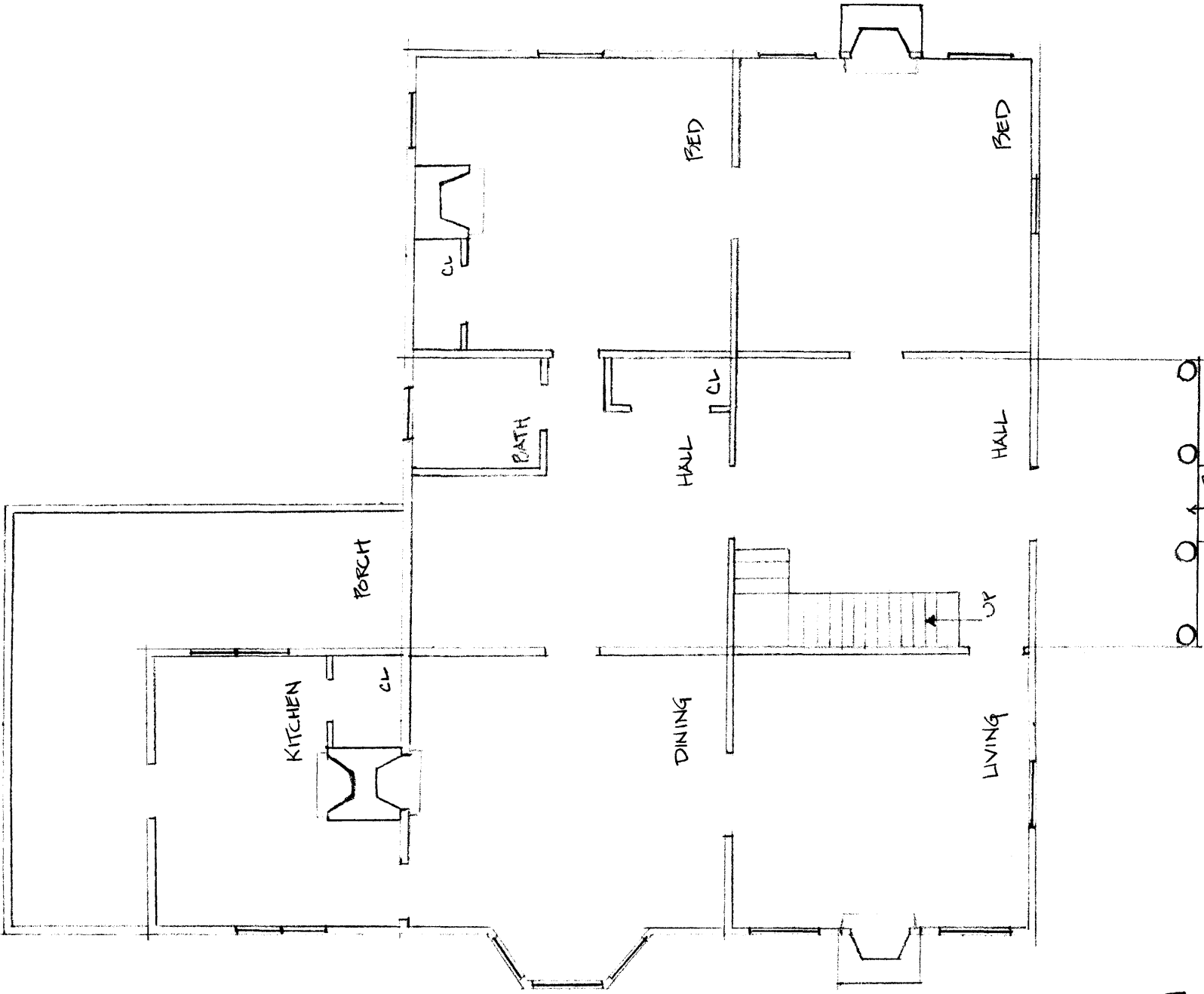
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FIRST FLOOR

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SCALE

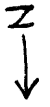




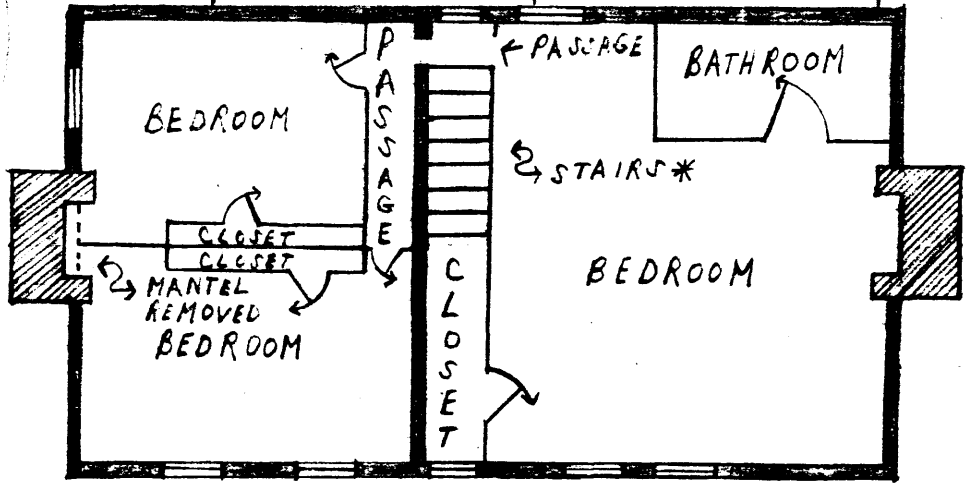
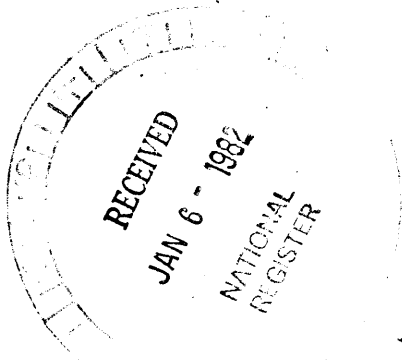
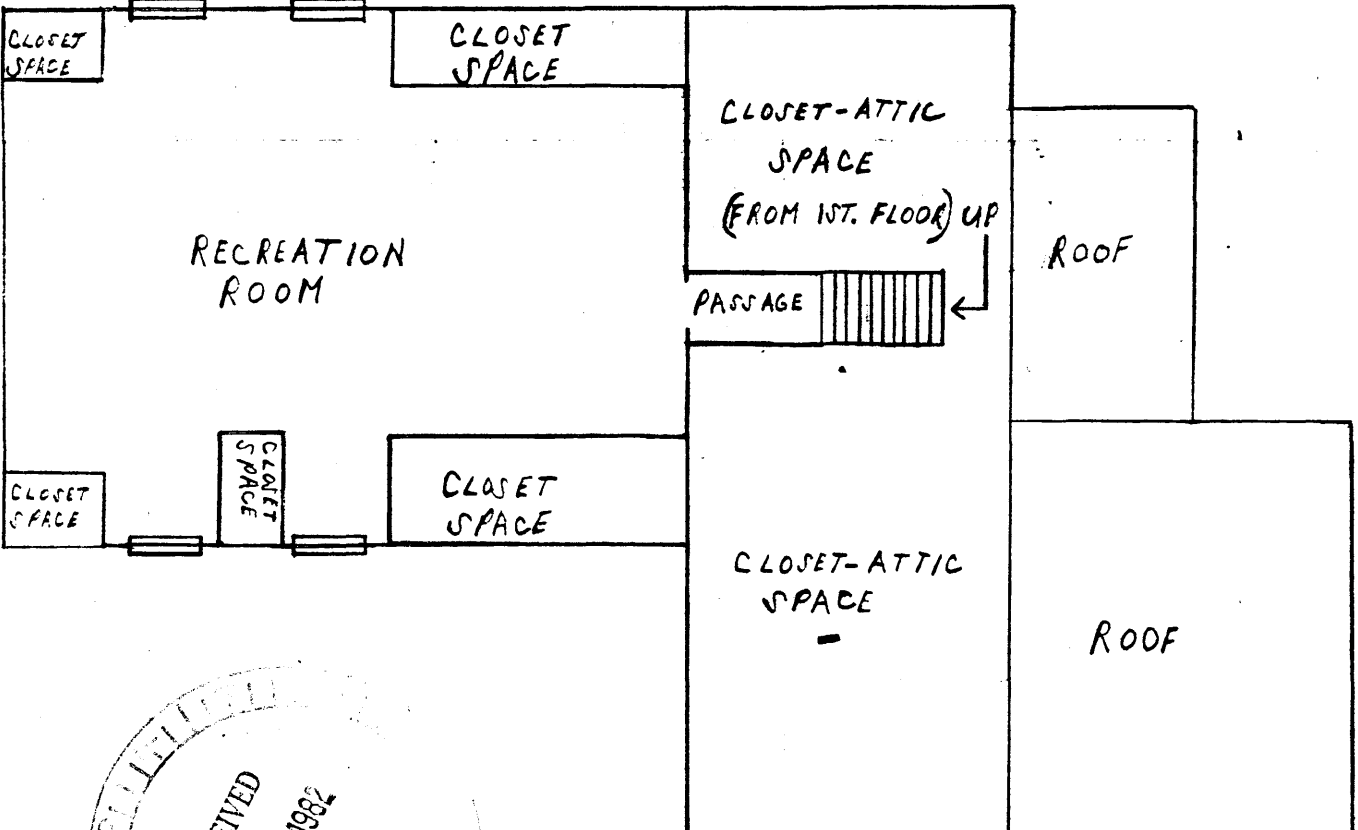
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BOTHWELL - EMERY
 HOUSE
 FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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ALLISON-HEWLETT HOUSE
CA. 1823



— = ORIGINAL PART OF HOUSE
— = LATER ADDITIONS

SECOND FLOOR
N.E. →

*NOTE: ORIGINAL STAIRS, PERHAPS, WAS AN ENCLOSED CORNER STAIRWAY, THAT OPENED DIRECTLY INTO THE UPPER BEDROOM WITHOUT A SEPARATED STAIR HALL.

SCALE



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BOTHWELL-EMERY
HOUSE
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

