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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

**

HISTORIC

J. R. Carmichael House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

149 McDonough Rd.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th - John J. Flynt Jr.

STATE

Georgia

CODE

13

COUNTY

Butts

CODE

035

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. R. Carmichael, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

149 McDonough Rd.

CITY, TOWN

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VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Butts County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Box 61

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Georgia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

The Carmichael House was designed by Bruce and Morgan, a prominent Atlanta architectural firm of the period. The same firm designed the Butts County Courthouse located only a few blocks from the Carmichael House. Construction on the house began in September 1897 and was completed in July 1898. The general contractor was Lacey Maddox and R. R. Edwards was the finish carpenter.

The residence is a marvelous assemblage of forms perhaps best described as the Queen Anne style. The front facade is asymmetrically designed with the prominence of the formal entrance mass balancing its off center position. The main entrance mass consists of a gable which rests on a series of columns located on the second story which is in turn visually supported by a first story pediment and a similar grouping of small columns. The upper pedimented gable is decorated with a palladian motif window.

The building's main facades are accented by an assortment of turrets, dormers and decorative chimney details. Each major gable end is covered with wood strap work decoration, shingles, and dentil mouldings. The various textures of the decorations accentuate the effect of the multiplicity of forms which cover the main facades and create a complex and fanciful design.

The interior of the residence is as well designed and as complex as the exterior of the building. Each public room and bedroom contains a fireplace with the opening flanked with a different color of tile and a different classically inspired mantel. Some of these fireplaces are particularly elaborate such as the dining room fireplace whose opening is flanked with pink gloss tile and the mantel consists of double columns supporting a segment of an entablature and a simple arch which frames a plaster molded coat of arms.

The house contains a great deal of stained glass used as transoms and windows. The most interesting piece of stained glass is a curving double window in the second floor foyer. The stained glass window is situated so as to allow light to fall into the oval opening in the floor between the first and second floor foyers. The opening is situated on axis with the front entrance door and provides an interesting and unusual spatial experience as one enters the house.

No alterations of major proportions have been made to the house. On the first floor the rear or west porch was enclosed with glass in 1972, but the exterior appearance was not substantially altered. A small porch on the north side of the house which formerly opened to the tennis court has been removed. In 1909 the second floor porch on the west facade of the building was enclosed and made into a sleeping porch and a bathroom. Another bathroom on the second floor has been modernized and a small kitchen has been added on this floor.

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The house is situated on approximately 1 1/8 acres of land and is sited on axis to the street leading from the Butts County Courthouse. The original outbuildings still remain and include a barn, smokehouse and servant quaters. Original fruit orchards and a tennis court no longer exist on the site.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1898 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Bruce & Morgan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J. R. Carmichael House is a fine example of the residential architecture of the Victorian era. The elaborate design was the work of the architectural firm of Bruce and Morgan who were prominent Atlanta architects of the period and who designed such buildings in Atlanta as the Georgia Tech Administration Building and the North Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The irregular massing and the use of horizontal siding, shingles and decorative trim work adds to the creation of a composition with great variety and imagination. These characteristics place the Carmichael house within the more specific stylistic grouping of the Queen Anne Style.

The Carmichael House is sited on axis to the street leading from the Butts County Courthouse. In order to achieve this impressive siting within the city, J. R. Carmichael, Sr. purchased the land and had an existing house moved to another lot. Thus the strength of this composition was further increased by producing a strong axial relationship between the street and the house so that the street becomes merely a part of the architectural composition.

The residence was great importance within the community of Jackson, Georgia not only as the most outstanding piece of residential architecture in the city, but also in its connection with the Carmichael family. In 1887 J. R. Carmichael, Sr. began the manufacture of wagons, carriages and buggies under the name of The Carmichael Jackson Buggy Company. This was one of the largest carriage companies in the South and produced approximately 4,000 buggies per year. The company was for many years an important element in the economy of Jackson, Georgia.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 1/3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon; Manager, Survey and Planning Unit
Betty M. Strack, Architect

ORGANIZATION Historic Pres. Section, Dept. of Natural Resources DATE

STREET & NUMBER 270 Washington St TELEPHONE 404-656-2840

CITY OR TOWN Atlanta STATE Georgia

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

David M. Sherman
DAVID M. SHERMAN

DATE 3-16-77

TITLE

Manager, Survey & Planning Unit

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles D. ...
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-13-77

DATE 6-7-77

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1. East face of house taken from McDonough Road.
2. View of north side of house.
3. View of dining room looking north.
4. View of first floor foyer looking east.
5. View of second floor foyer looking east. Specifically of light well to first floor foyer.

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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE Betty M. Strack

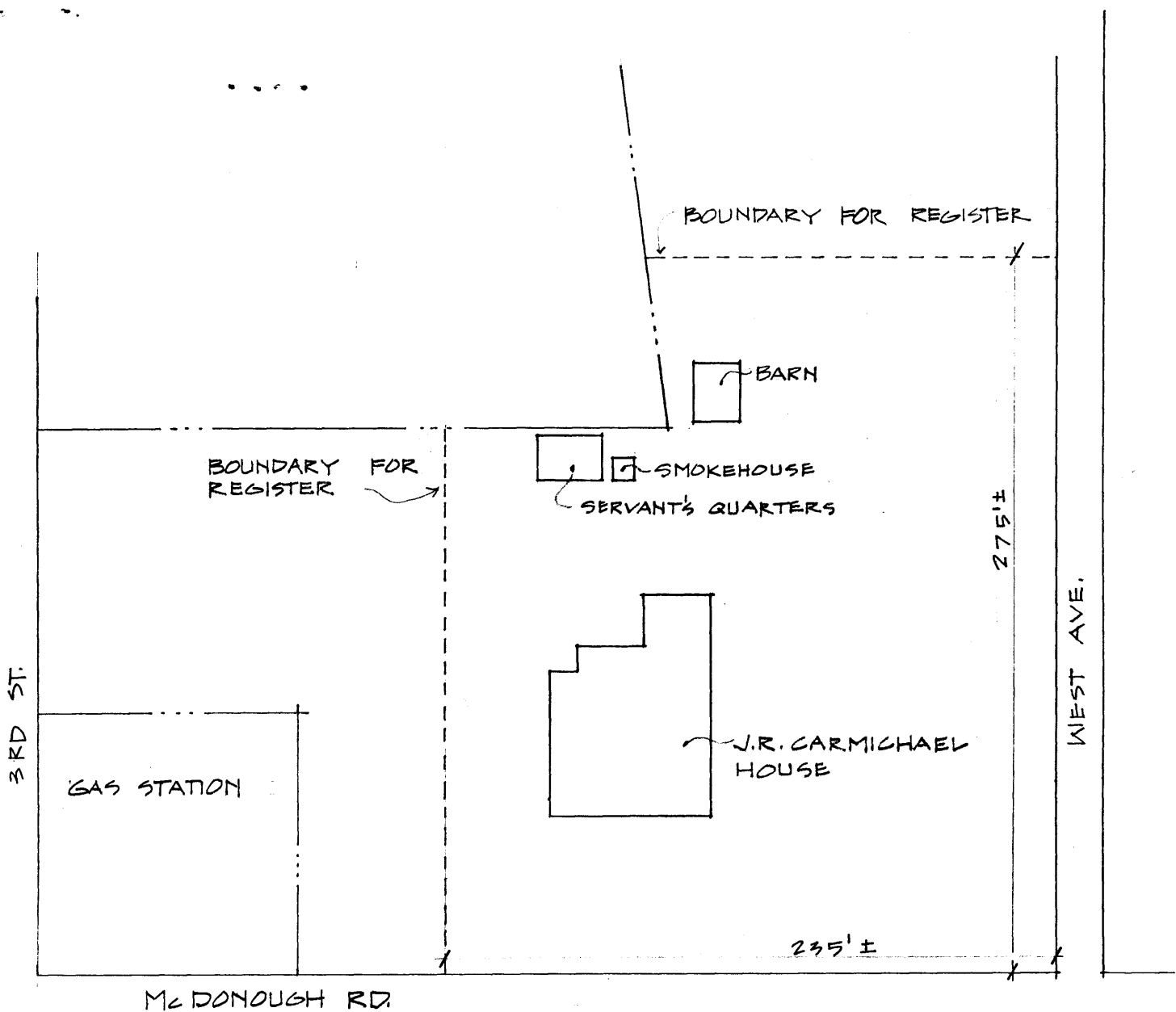
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REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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