

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Thomas A. Berry House

and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 506 Hawthorne Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Dalton

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Whitfield

code 313

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Health Facility

4. Owner of Property

name Jimmy D. and Donna I. Smith

street & number 1395 Glencrest Drive

city, town Marietta

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia 30062

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Whitfield County Courthouse

city, town Dalton

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:
title Whitfield County, Georgia

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975

federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta

state Georgia

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

The Thomas A. Berry House is a large, two-story, wood-framed Victorian Eclectic-style house. It has a large, wraparound, one-story porch and several types of wooden ornamentation and brackets. The exterior is painted. The front door contains a large, oval-shaped, beveled-window surrounded by ornate trim.

The plan was originally a four-room, central-hall plan, but now with changes and additions, the rooms are asymmetrically arranged. One enters directly into the living room or parlor with the staircase and hall straight ahead. A wall separating the living room and hall has been removed. The dining room and kitchen are behind the living room. To the right of the living room and dining room are three bedrooms which are part of the one-story portion of the house. The second story, directly above the living room, dining room and hall portion of the house, now contains three bedrooms and a bath. The interior walls and ceilings are plastered, the floors are wood, and there is wood molding and trim. The wooden stairway has a cherry newel post and banister with wainscoting on the interior wall. There is a bay window in the living room and a rectangular clear-glass window surrounded by stained glass in the dining room. There are seven coal-burning fireplaces with intact mantels. Many of the fireplaces retain their decorative tile surrounds.

The house retains its handhewn beams, stud framing, and cut nails. Its early electric wires were replaced, but original gas pipes remain. One cast-iron clawfoot bathtub dating from 1895 has been retained.

The house is located on an L-shaped lot with sloping terrain and many large trees and shrubs atop Fort Hill overlooking the city of Dalton. The only outbuilding is a storage building, date unknown.

Changes to the house include the addition of a bedroom, bath and closet in 1895 to accommodate Mrs. Berry's mother. Another bath was added at a later date. In 1981, a fire escape, a handicapped-access walkway, carport, and some interior wall paneling and acoustical ceiling tiles were added.

Historic photographs exist that show the house once had a picket fence near the street, and that rocks have been used to replace brickwork between the brick piers.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1882 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Thomas A. Berry House is significant in architecture as a good, intact example of a home built in the Victorian Eclectic style that retains its original setting, appearance, similar landscaping, and most significant exterior and interior features. It is one of a handful of Victorian-era homes that remain in an area that was an affluent section of Dalton during that period. Significant features of the architectural style include the wraparound porch, decorative brackets, both on the eaves and the porch, the use of a bay window and stained glass, and a variety of mantels. The house is significant in local history as the home built for and given to Thomas A. Berry (1852-1922) and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Bass (1861-1945), as a wedding gift by her father in 1882. Thomas A. Berry and his brother were owners of the T. A. and S. E. Berry Hardware Firm in Dalton, known as one of the largest such companies in north Georgia. The house remained in the family until 1946.

These areas of significance meet National Register criteria B and C.

Historical Narrative

The Reverend David P. Bass (1829-1895) had this house built for his daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on the occasion of her marriage to Thomas A. Berry in 1882. David P. Bass, a native of north Georgia, was a Methodist minister and a businessman in the firm of Cleghorn, Bass and Company in Summerville, Georgia, until he moved to Dalton. There he became a prominent landowner and was the second president of the Crown Cotton Mill, an important local textile industry.

Thomas A. Berry and his brother, Samuel E. Berry, both Dalton natives, were involved in real estate as well as their hardware company. The company handled hardware and groceries. Later it became the Berry-Bryant Hardware Company. Thomas A. Berry's last business was the Berry Grocery Company, one of the leading retail grocery stores in the region. He sold this latter business only shortly before his death. His brother, Samuel E. Berry, served two terms in the Georgia House of Representatives in 1896-97 and 1913.

The Berrys had two children to survive, one of which, Willena, born in 1891, was married in this house in April, 1912. The ceremony took place in the parlor which was decorated with ferns, palms and an altar of greenery. The reception was held in the dining room.

After Mrs. Berry's death in 1945, the house was sold out of the family in 1946. It went through a succession of owners and usages until it came into the hands of the present owners in 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Smith, Donn I. "Historic Property Information Form" (1982) and additional information based on interviews, historic photographs, newspaper clippings, deeds, and Conway Gregory's Sumach on the Hill (1977).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.4 acres

Quadrangle name Dalton North, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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G

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is all that remains of the historic acreage associated with the house and all that the owners own at this location.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

date January 20, 1984

street & number 270 Washington Street, 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 2/21/84

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/5/84

for Melora Byers
Keeper of the National Register

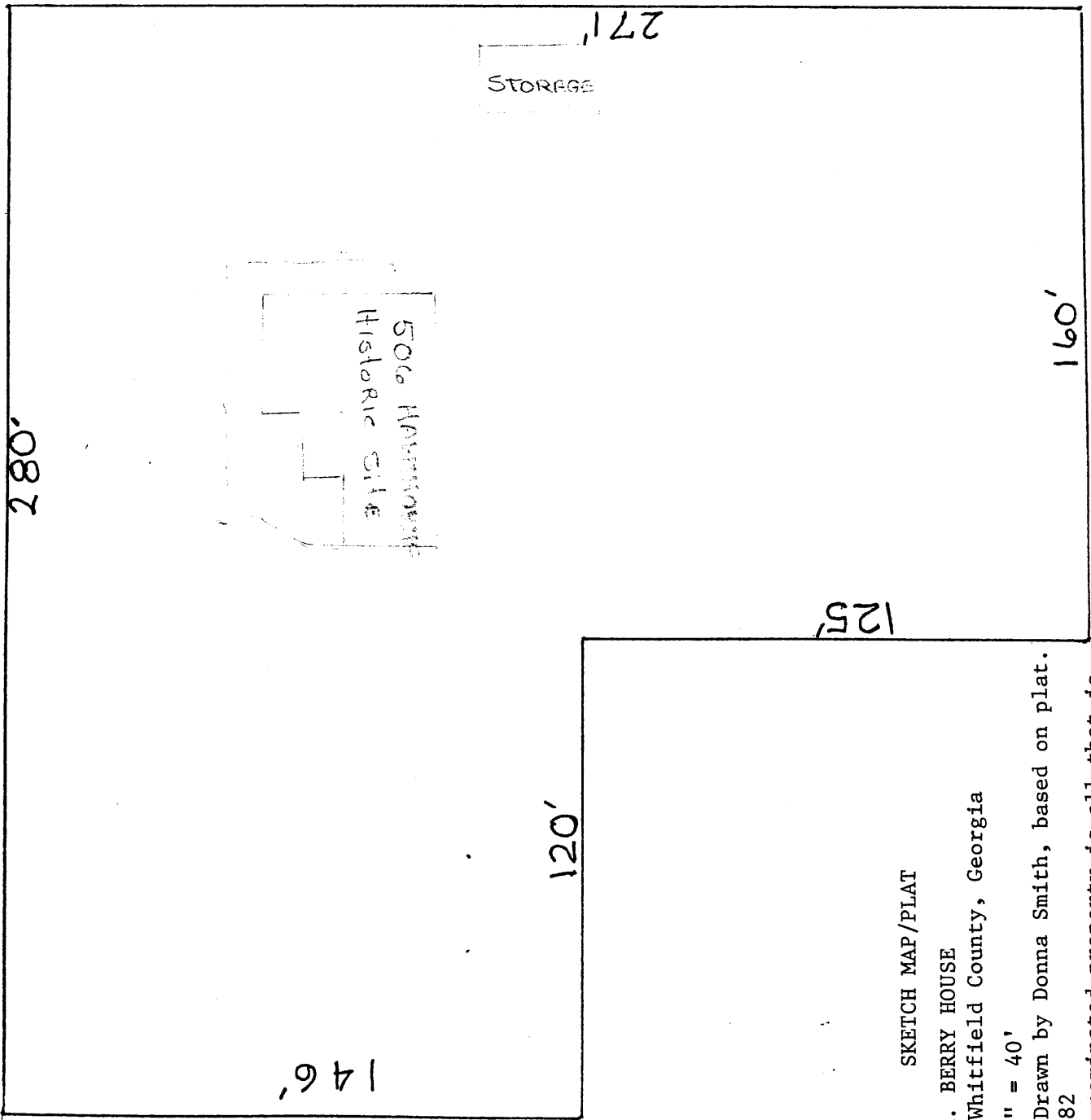
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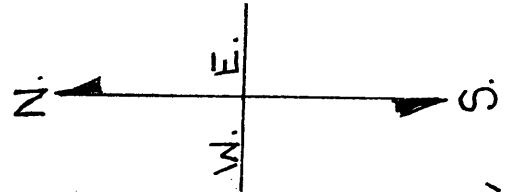
Chief of Registration

E. HANTHORNE STREET

HENDERSON STREET



Sketch Map

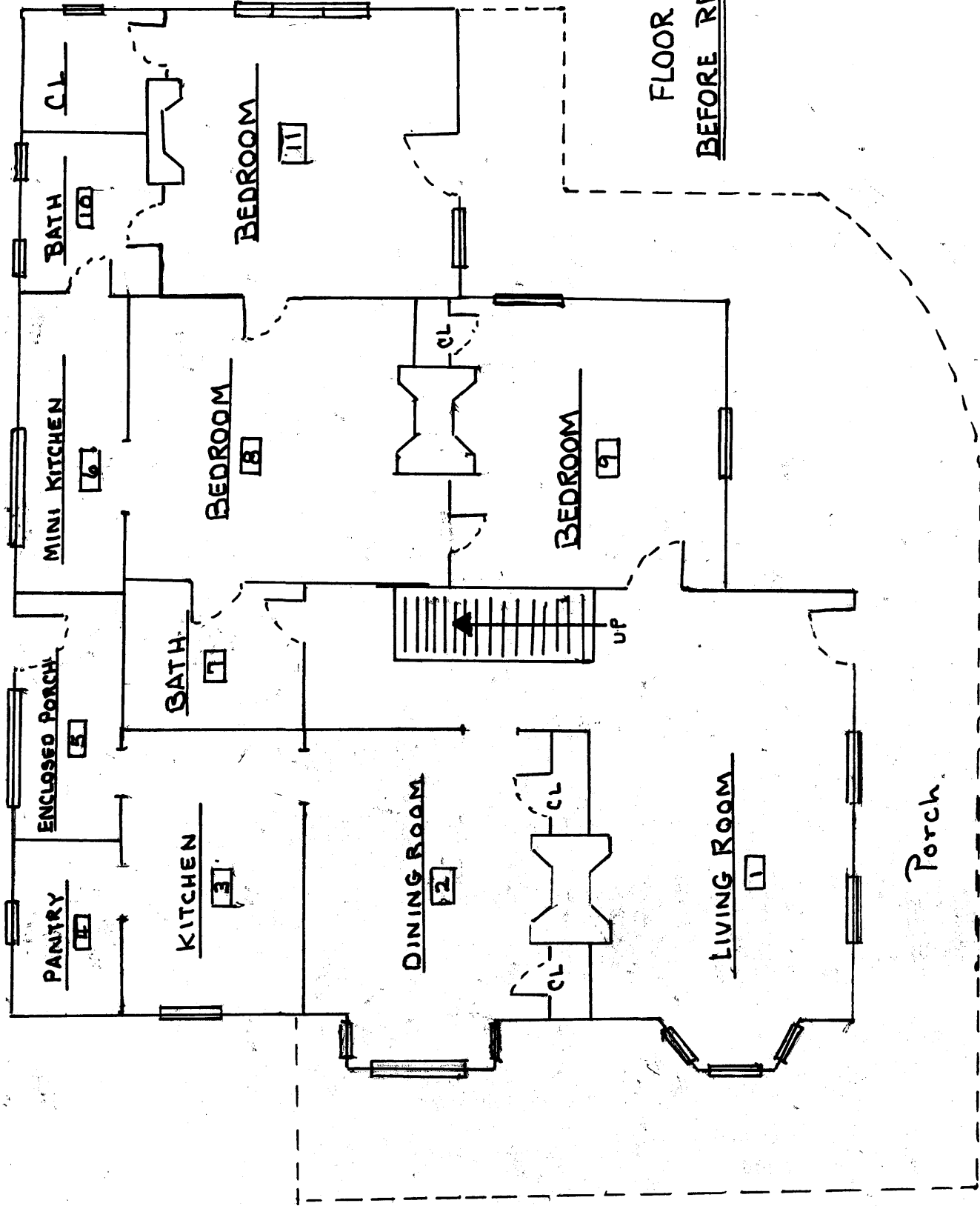


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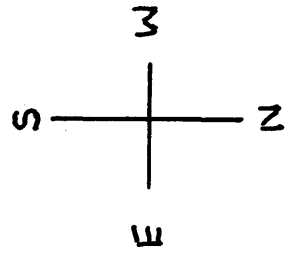
SKETCH MAP/PLAT

THOMAS A. BERRY HOUSE
 Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia
 Scale: 1" = 40'
 Source: Drawn by Donna Smith, based on plat.
 Date: 1982
 Key: The nominated property is all that is shown on the drawing.



FLOOR PLAN

FLOOR PLAN
BEFORE RENOVATION

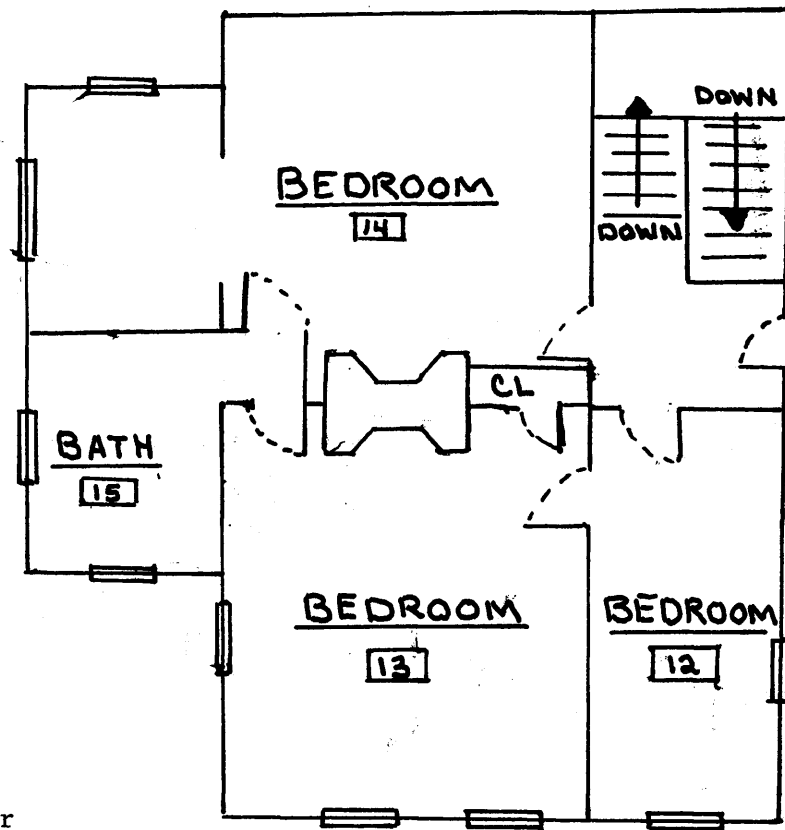


THOMAS A. BERRY HOUSE
Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia
Scale: 1/8" = 1'
Source: Drawn by Donna Smith, owner
Date: 1982
Key: First-floor Plan

506 HAWTHORNE STREET
DALTON, GEORGIA

Donna Smith
OWNER / Marietta, GA.
Aug 15, 1982
① FLOOR PLAN LOWER LEVEL

1/8" = 1'-0"



FLOOR PLAN
BEFORE RENOVATION

FLOOR PLAN

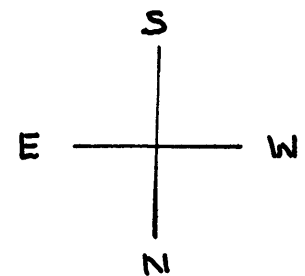
THOMAS A. BERRY HOUSE
Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia

Scale: 1/8" = 1'

Source: Drawn by Donna Smith, owner

Date: 1982

Key: Second-floor Plan



Donna Smith
OWNER / Marietta, GA.

Aug. 15, 1982

506 HAWTHORNE STREET
DALTON, GEORGIA

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② FLOOR PLAN UPPER LEVEL