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# 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                      Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House

other names/site number              N/A

## 2. Location

street & number    1200 Sid Hunter Road  
city, town    Senoia                      (X) vicinity of  
county    Coweta                      code GA 077  
state Georgia    code GA    zip code 30276

(N/A ) not for publication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:

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

buildings	2	4
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	2	4

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a

Name of previous listing: n/a

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a



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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

### Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal  
OTHER/Georgian Cottage

### Materials:

<b>foundation</b>	brick on granite block
<b>walls</b>	brick
<b>roof</b>	wood shingle
<b>other</b>	n/a

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Located in a rural setting of large oak trees, the Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House is a one-story brick, Federal-style, Georgian cottage. It features a hipped roof of wood shingles, dentils along the cornice, four exterior brick chimneys, and a brick-on-granite-block foundation. The front portico is a non-historic addition. Other exterior features include 6/6 double-hung windows with stone lintels, a bible-and-cross front door with leaded-glass, semi-elliptical fanlight and leaded-glass sidelights, and a brick belt course.

The interior features an intact Georgian cottage floor plan of a central hallway with two corresponding rooms on either side, plaster ceilings and walls, and wood floors. Decorative interior detailing includes crown moldings, chair rails, baseboards, wood window and door surrounds, wood paneled single and double doors, and Federal-style mantels.

In respect to landscaping, no formal landscape elements exist; however, the property contains a 19th-century L-shaped stone wall, several mature shrubs, rose bushes, and pecan and oak trees.

Outbuildings on the property consist of a 19th-century smokehouse, non-historic mid-20th-century shed and privy, and non-historic well house and guest house.

During the recent certified rehabilitation of the house, a rear addition was constructed, which was attached to the main house by a one-story connector. The new addition is a 2-story, clapboard building with a tin roof. The addition contains a modern kitchen, a family room, and two bedrooms.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**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

**Period of Significance:**

ca. 1835

**Significant Dates:**

ca. 1835

**Significant Person(s):**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation:**

n/a

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

Unknown

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### Section 8--Statement of Significance

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#### **Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)**

Located in a rural setting near the community of Senoia in Georgia's western Coweta County, the Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House is significant in architecture as an excellent and intact example of a Federal-style, Georgian cottage built during the early to mid-19th century in Georgia. Its character-defining features include symmetrical massing and floor plan, with a central hallway and two rooms opening on either side. Additional detailing of the house includes four brick chimneys, ornate central entrance with leaded-glass semi-elliptical fanlight and leaded-glass sidelights, fluted pilasters, crown moldings, chair rails, and Federal-style wood mantels. The house is constructed of brick on a brick granite block foundation. Most houses built during this period in rural Georgia were wood. According to Georgia's Living Places, the Federal style was built in Georgia along the coastal plain and up into the Piedmont from the 1790s to the 1830s. Also, it was most common in large cities such as Savannah, Augusta, and Milledgeville. Thus, the style of the Tidwell-Amis-Haynes house makes it unique for this area.

Most likely, William Tidwell constructed the house ca. 1835 and farmed the land until 1840 when he sold it to John Sumners. In 1844, Joseph Amis purchased the property from Sumners. Amis lived and farmed the property until 1890 when he deeded the farm to Joseph Haynes who died in 1893. Following his death, Haynes' widow, Susan, continued to own the property until 1914 when she moved to Alabama. Between 1913 and 1947, the property was owned by several people with the main house being unoccupied for several years. In 1947, R.E. and Leonard Hunter bought the farm as a residence for their mother and father who lived there until 1980. The current owners bought the house in 1992 through the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's revolving fund and completed a certified rehabilitation on the property for their residence.

#### **National Register Criteria**

The nomination meets the National Register Criterion C because it is an excellent, intact example of the Federal style, Georgian type cottage found in Georgia. In addition to its intact symmetrical floor plan, the house retains original Federal-style mantels, crown moldings, ornate entrance with leaded-glass semi-elliptical fanlight and leaded-glass sidelights, fluted pilasters, and dentils along the cornice. It is also unusual for its brick construction.

#### **Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

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#### **Period of significance (justification)**

The house was constructed in ca. 1835.

#### **Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

Contributing buildings include the main house and its contemporary 19th-century smokehouse. Non-contributing buildings are a mid-20th-century shed and a privy, a modern well house and a modern guest house.

#### **Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)**

The property on which the Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House is located was drawn in the 1827 Land Lottery by Frederick Hill of Burke County, Georgia. Despite owning the property, Hill never developed the land nor built a house. In January of 1835, Hill conveyed the property to William Tidwell, a veteran of the War of 1812 who moved to Coweta County shortly after its formation in 1826. It is most likely that William Tidwell constructed the house. The Tidwell family originally came from Virginia and South Carolina which would allow Tidwell to be familiar with the Federal style of house. According to the deed books for Coweta County, William Tidwell and his brother Ben were among the earliest settlers of Coweta County, participating in many recorded land transfers. With the financial means and a knowledge of Federal design and craftsmanship, William Tidwell appears to be the most likely the builder of the main house. Further evidence of this possibility includes the biography of William's grandson, Reuben, which indicates that the house was standing in 1840. Tidwell donated approximately two acres of his land for the White Oak Grove Baptist Church.

In 1840, the property was bought by John Sumners who owned it until 1844. In 1844, Sumners sold the property to Joseph Amis, who farmed the land until 1890. Little information exists about Amis in the county histories. However, he was well-known enough in the county that the property was still referred to as the "Joe Amis Place" fifty-five years after his death. Amis owned the property through the years of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Prior to his death, Amis deeded the property to James Haynes.

According to oral tradition, Haynes was Amis' adopted son. Haynes died in 1893, leaving his widow, Susan, owner of the property. Susan Haynes chose to remain on the property, farmed the land, and raised their eleven children. During the ownership of the property by the Haynes family, the house was remodeled. The brick work was repointed with white lime mortar, the front windows were fitted with two light sashes, and some of the windows were fitted with additional frames and sills for the shutters. In addition, a Victorian style porch replaced the original portico. These changes are shown

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in a photograph of Mrs. Susan Haynes and her children taken in 1896. Mrs. Haynes sold the property in 1914 to move to Alabama to live with one of her grown daughters. J. A. Bradbury bought the property from Susan Haynes. From this period through the 1940s, the main house was occupied only intermittently.

Bradbury sold the property in 1918 to J.C. Stovall. Stovall was a physician who practiced medicine in Turin, Georgia. Stovall sold the property in 1927 to the Bailey family. The Baileys rented the house to tenants; however, they farmed the land and harvested timber from the woodland on the property.

The Baileys sold the property to two brothers, R.E. and Leonard Hunter, who purchased the land for their parents. The elder Hunters lived in the house. Charles Hunter died in 1976, while his wife continued to live in the house until 1980.

With the exception of the two acres donated to the White Oak Grove Baptist Church by William Tidwell, the original land lot acreage of approximately 202 acres remained intact into the 1940s. R.E. Hunter sold off his half between 1946 and 1992. The remaining parcel of land attached to the house is 4.6 acres. This acreage contains the house and the outbuildings. Leonard Hunter still owns his half of the property, approximately 96 acres where he raises cattle.

In June 1992, the house and 4.6 acres were acquired by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for its revolving fund program, and sold in October 1992 to Frank and Marion Jarrell. The Jarrell's have completed a certified rehabilitation of the house for their residence.

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Jarrell, Frank. Historic Property Information Form. May 1993. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with Supplemental Information.

Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Georgia's Living Places Historic Houses in their Landscape Settings. 1991. Atlanta: Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

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

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued  
date issued: June 30, 1993
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):**



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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property**                      4.6 acres

**UTM References**

A)     Zone 16                      Easting 716900     Northing 3683780

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is marked on the enclosed plat map with a heavy black line, drawn to scale.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property is all the remaining acreage currently attached to the Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House. While the original property consisted of over 200 acres of land, over the years and through the transference of ownership, the land attached to the house, including outbuildings dwindled to 4.6 acres. The boundaries for the nomination are the current legal boundaries.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Consulting Services/Technical Assistance (if applicable)**                      (X ) not applicable

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Photographs

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**Name of Property:** Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House  
**City or Vicinity:** Senoia vicinity  
**County:** Coweta  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** August 1996

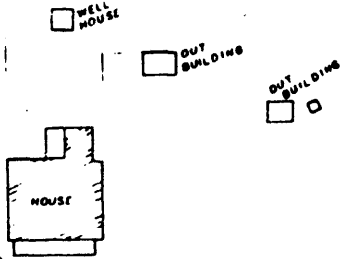
**Description of Photograph(s):**

- 1 of 11: Front (south) Facade and East Facade; photographer facing north.
- 2 of 11: Front (south) Facade; photographer facing north.
- 3 of 11: West Facade; photographer facing southeast.
- 4 of 11: Rear ( north) Facade of addition; photographer facing southeast.
- 5 of 11: Interior, main central hall way; photographer facing south.
- 6 of 11: Interior, front west parlor; photographer facing southwest.
- 7 of 11: Interior, dining room; photographer facing southwest.
- 8 of 11: Interior, front east parlor/study; photographer facing northeast.
- 9 of 11: Interior, guest bedroom; photographer facing southeast.
- 10 of 11: Smokehouse; photographer facing north,
- 11 of 11: East facade, showing main house and addition; photographer facing west.

WOLLEAT

SID  
(A.K.A. HUNTER ROAD)  
HUNTER ROAD

4.60 AC.



80' R/W

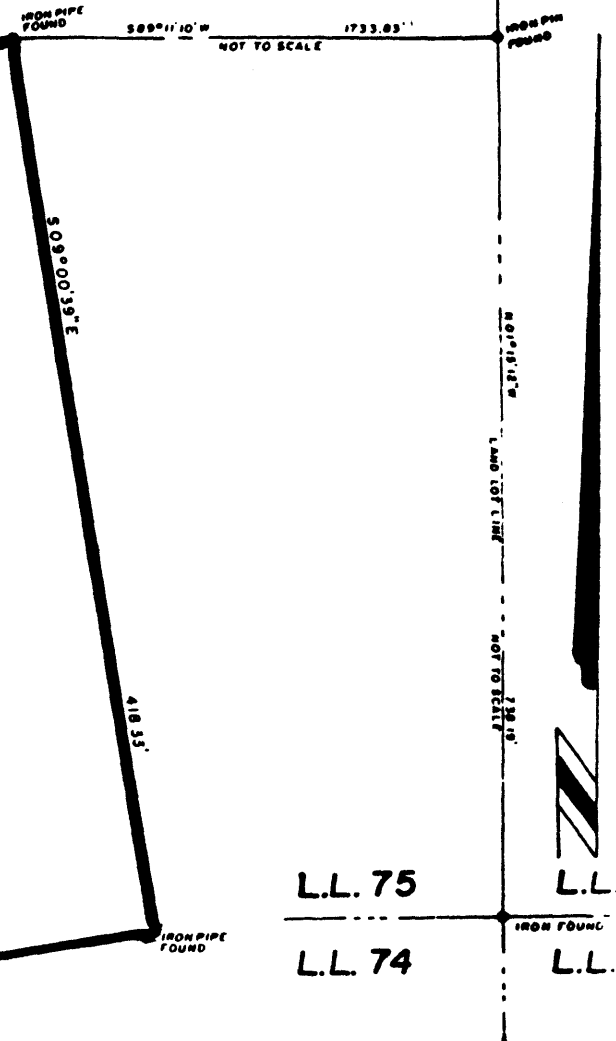
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Tax Map/Plat Map  
Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House  
Coweta County, Georgia  
Scale: 1" = 90'

Source: John R. Christopher, Surveyor  
Key: National Register boundary is indicated with a heavy black line.

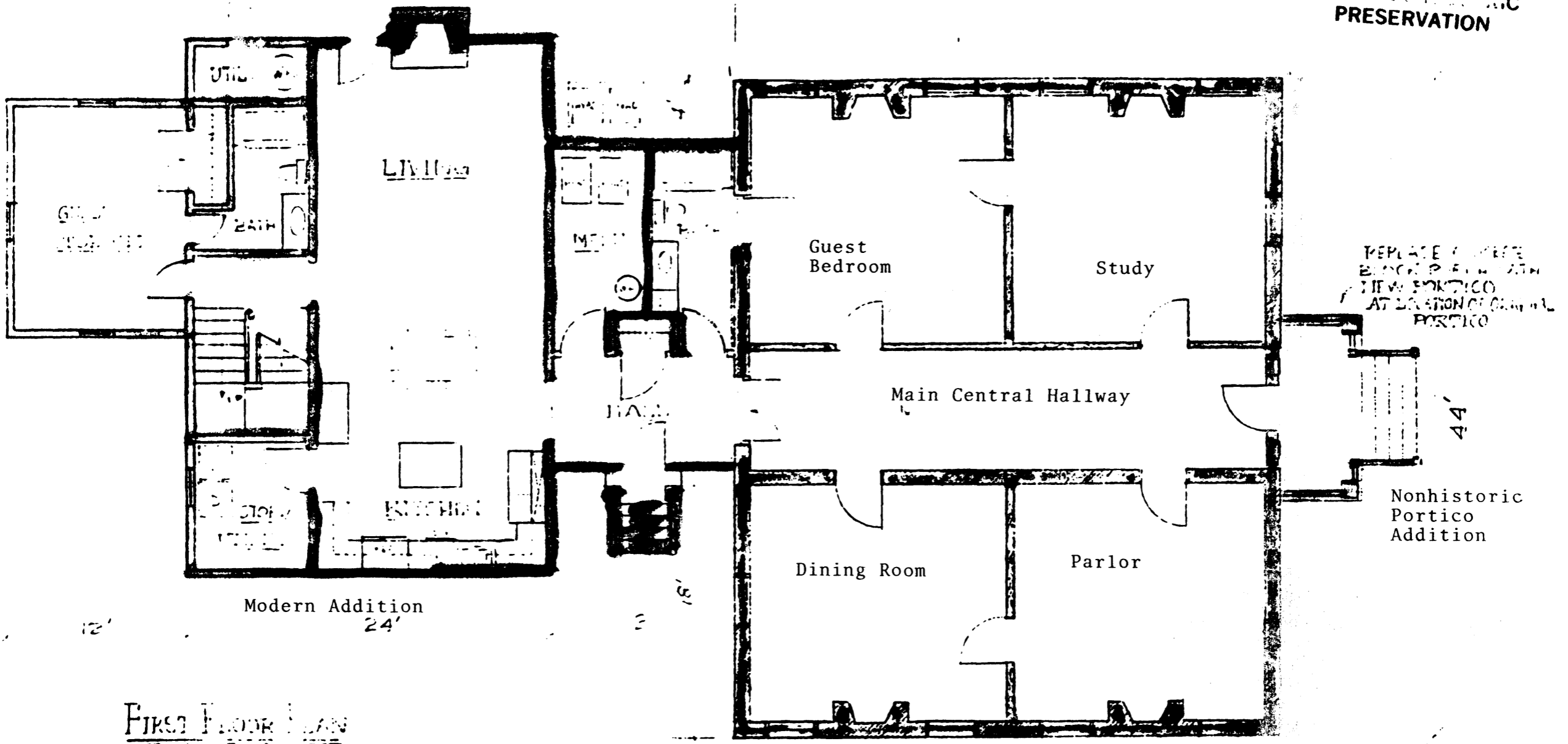
North:



SURVEY FOR		
THE GEORGIA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION		
SCALE 1"=60'	APPROVED BY:	DRAWN BY
DATE 5/13/92		REVISED
LAND LOT 75 LAND DISTRICT 1 COWETA COUNTY, GEORGIA		
SURVEY BY <i>John R. Christopher</i>		DRAWING NO. 80048

MY OPINION, THIS IS A TRUE CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE PLATTED PROPERTY AND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF LAW

I HAVE THIS DAY EXAMINED THE OFFICIAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP AND FOUND THAT THIS PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE 1/8" = 1'

**Floor Plan**  
**Tidwell-Amis-Haynes House**  
**Coweta County, Georgia**  
**Scale: 1/8" = 1'**  
**Source: R. Gromer, Architect**  
**Key: Use of rooms are indicated on floor plan.**

36'  
Historic House

<b>TIDWELL-AMIS-HUNTER HOUSE ADDITION</b> COWETA COUNTY, GA		
SCALE 1/8" = 1'	APPROVED BY	DRAWN BY R. GROMER
DATE 2/25/03		REVISED