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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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

Glover-McLeod-Garrison House

AND/OR COMMON

"Bushy Park"/Rocking Chair Hill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

250 Garrison Rd., S.E.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Marietta,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
7th Congressional

STATE

Georgia

CODE  
13

COUNTY  
Cobb

CODE  
067

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

STRUCTURE

\_\_BOTH

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_OBJECT

\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

NO

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garrison

STREET & NUMBER

250 Garrison Road

CITY, TOWN

Marietta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cobb County

Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Marietta

STATE

Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Cobb Co., Building and Site Inventory

DATE

1974

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

# 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE


The Glover-McLeod-Garrison House is a raised 2 1/2-story temple form structure with a monumental pedimented four column Doric portico. Although similar in design to the houses by Willis Ball in Roswell, the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House was originally built, not as an urban dwelling, but as a country house.

The dominating, heavily pedimented front facade of the Glover-McLeod-Harrison House is composed of five bays with a recessed central bay that has a side and transom lighted, double door entranceway, above which is a balcony. Giving access to the balcony is only a window, again with side lights. Visually drawing the attic or third story to the lower floors is a window with side lights centered in the pediment. (This same motif of three-story series was original to the three bay rear facade as well.) Completing the architectural elements on the front facade are simply framed windows, the first floor ones of which have a lower panel that opens to form a passageway from the front two rooms onto the portico. All four exterior corners of the house are formed by fluted Doric pilasters.

In plan the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House has a ten foot central stair hall, four original 20'x20' rooms, two on either side, and c. 1939 rear additions including a first floor enclosed rear porch, chimney-like garage and second floor baths and closets. The third floor or attic space has been used as a boys' dormitory and for storage. One unusual feature in the house is a rear stair that gave access from the original rear porch to the second floor.

Interior details include sturdy pine mantels with a plain shelf and freize supported by turned posts or columns; all original doors are of the long double vertical panelled type; and the door and window trim has an indented square block design in each corner of wide molding.

Presently the house is located on a nine acre site with only one original outbuilding, a stone kitchen or slavehouse, found to the rear of the house. This site is located about twelve long blocks south of the courthouse square in an area of fast growing commercial properties and mobile home parks.



# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) history
		___INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1847-1851	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Willis Ball (?) architect James Dyson (?) builder
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Glover-McLeod-Garrison house, 1847-1851, also known as "Rockin Chair Hill" and "Bushy Park", is one of the few remaining antebellum structures in Marietta. The Greek Revival style of the home is reminiscent of several antebellum homes in the Roswell Historic District that were designed by the Connecticut architect, Willis Ball.

Architecturally, the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House is an exceptional example of the temple form taken to its fullest development in domestic architecture. The pedimented temple form house on such grand scale actually only occurred in Georgia in the Roswell houses of Willis Ball and at Orange Hall in Darien. All of these houses were related or friends of the King family and it can be suggested that at least the influence Willis Ball's work may well have been represented in Orange Hall and the Garrison House as well.

The land on which the house occupies was drawn in the land lottery of 1832 by a Benjamin Wallace of Baldwin County, Georgia. The original tract of land was approximately 338 acres. After two other owners, on November 13, 1845 the land was purchased by Thornton Burke, the first pastor of the First Baptist Church in Marietta. On December 7, 1847 the land was purchased by John Heyward Glover.

In 1848, Glover began building a house on the property,

John Heyward Glover, one of Marietta's first entrepreneurs, built a tannery north of the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House, founded a bank in Marietta, and organized the first telegraph company in Marietta. Glover, also, was elected Mayor of Marietta in 1852. In 1851 Glover sold the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House and built the Glover-Blair-Anderson House that is in the Northwest Marietta Historic District.

Glover sold the house in 1851 to Francis H. McLeod, a rice planter from Chatham County Georgia. McLeod, apparently, did not use the house as a full time residence, but let a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth McLeod King and her husband William King occupy the house. William King, the son of Roswell King, was living in the house during the summer of 1864, while the rest of his family fled southward to escape Sherman's army. King kept a daily journal of events in and around Marietta during the Federal occupation between July and November, 1864. In 1867, William King retired from running his cotton mills and merchant interest in Savannah and moved to Marietta to spend the rest of his life (1884) in the Glover-McLeod-Garrison House. Before King's death the house and property was sold to a Mary McLeod in 1883.

The home and property was sold by the surviving McLeods in 1889 and after several absentee owners, was purchased by Thomas W. Garrison in 1909. In 1922, the home and property was sold to Craft Reed who in turn lost the house and property to a land bank during the depression. The house was vacant from 1931-1939 with the exception of a itinerant "Indian witch doctor" who periodically took up residence in the house. In 1939, a Fred Meyers of

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Cobb County Building and Site Inventory, 1974  
 Macgregor, Elizabeth, personal inspection, 1974

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 9

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 16	7 2 16 8 2 10	3 7 5 7 6 10 10	B	1 16	7 2 16 8 2 10	3 7 5 7 3 9 10
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian, David T. Agnew, Historian  
Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Section

STREET & NUMBER 270 Washington St., SW  
Atlanta

CITY OR TOWN Atlanta

DATE September 20, 1976  
 TELEPHONE 404-656-2840  
 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 [Signature] DATE 9-23-76  
 TITLE Chief, Historic Preservation Section DAVID M. SHERMAN

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

CHIEF [Signature] DATE 3/25/77  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 3/22/77  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Savannah bought the home and had it restored by the architect Montgomery Anderson of Sea Island, Georgia.

In 1957, Robert T. Garrison, whose grandfather, Thomas W. Garrison owned the house from 1909-1922 purchased the house and property. Mr. Garrison, the present owner occupant, has changed little of the house and/or grounds from the 1939 restoration.

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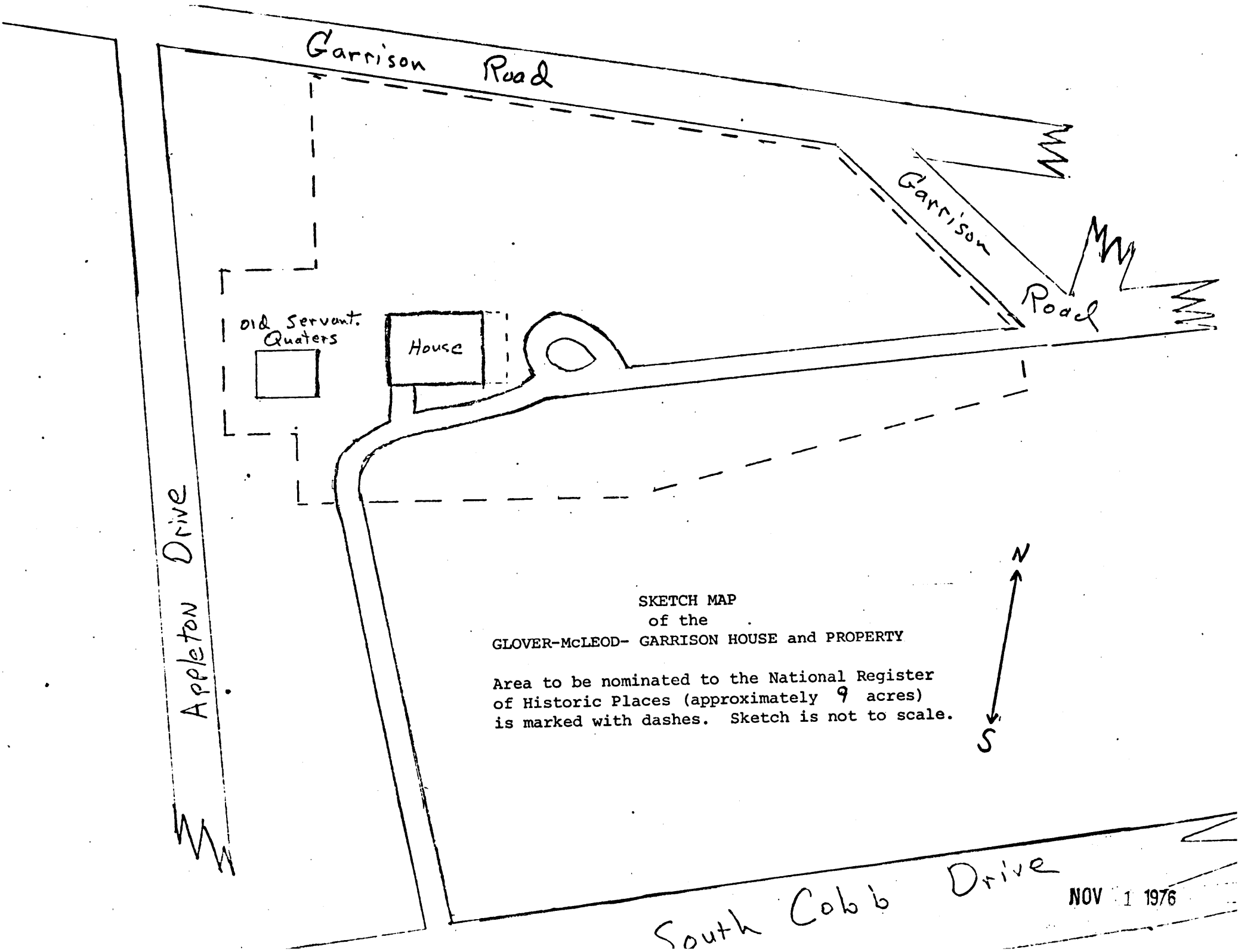
Glover-McLeod-Garrison House, Marietta, Cobb County

Photographs by: David J. Kaminsky

Date: Spring, 1975

Negatives filed at: Department of Natural Resources

1. Front facade, house faces east.
2. Three quarter view, photographer facing northwest.
3. Three quarter view from rear, photographer facing southeast.
4. Front window detail.
5. Second floor central hall.
6. First floor parlor
7. Old Servants Quarters or Kitchen, photographer facing east.
8. Plat of Bushy Park, now Garrison House.



Garrison Road

Garrison Road

Road

Appleton Drive

old Servant Quarters

House

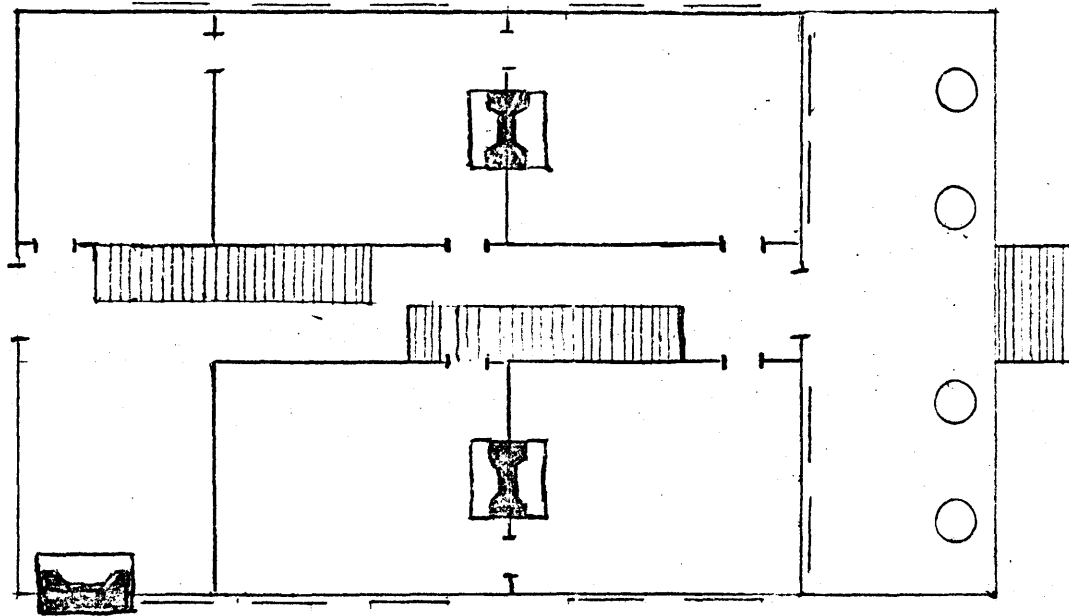
SKETCH MAP  
of the  
GLOVER-MCLEOD- GARRISON HOUSE and PROPERTY

Area to be nominated to the National Register  
of Historic Places (approximately 9 acres)  
is marked with dashes. Sketch is not to scale.



South Cobb Drive

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First Floor Sketch Plan  
Glover-McLeod-Garrison House  
[not to scale]



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