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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION  
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Ala. Historical Commission

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Rose, Edward, House

other names/site number Rose House Inn

2. Location

street & number 325 - 2nd Avenue, N. W. N/A not for publication

city or town Fayette N/A vicinity

state Alabama code AL county Fayette code 057 zip code 35555

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] July 10, 1995  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] Entered in the National Register Date of Action 8/22/95  
Signature of the Keeper

Rose, Edward, House  
Name of Property

Fayette County, Alabama  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Hotel

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of Property 4.1 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1   6	4   2   2   7   1   0	3   7   2   7   7   0   0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Diane H. Fisher, Denese H. Burt

organization N/A date September 30, 1994

street & number 114 North Temple Avenue telephone (205)932-3259

city or town Fayette state Alabama zip code 35555

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name William Dennis and Diane H. Fisher

street & number 114 North Temple Avenue telephone (205)932-3259

city or town Fayette state Alabama zip code 35555

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1898

Significant Dates

1898

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Rose, Edward (builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- 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

Name of repository:

Fayette County Memorial Library

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7. Description

Narrative Description

This Queen Anne style, wood frame house is situated on a 4.1 acre lot near downtown Fayette, Alabama. The house has a two-thirds wraparound porch with posts and lace-like brackets. An outstanding feature of the house is a hexagonal shaped tower with a bell-shaped roof. This feature, along with the two-thirds wraparound porch sets the house apart from all others in our area. The house has one-and-one-half stories and is rectangular in shape. The house is painted white and has a green shingle roof. There are two bay windows, one located on the south wall, and one on the west wall. The roof lines are high pitched and irregular with ten gables. Six of the gables have imbricated shingles. All doors are original four panel doors with original hardware. There are a variety of window styles, including two over two and four over four double hung sash. Three dormer windows were added in 1994 to provide lighting and to meet fire code safety regulations for the attic rooms.

The interior features a central hallway that provides access to the rooms on the north and the south of the house. The front and rear entrances have matching four panel doors with side lights and transoms. The window in the dining area is located in an arched niche, the arch being the handiwork of the builder. Beaded tongue and groove wainscoting is an outstanding feature in the hallway and two rooms on the north side of the house. Grooved interior trim and circular medallions were used on many of the doorways and windows. A beautiful oak mantle with barley twist detail is located in the northeast room. It surrounds an old gas burning heater insert in the fireplace. A mantle and built-in bookcase is located in the northwest room. The fireplace in the northwest room also has an old gas burning heater insert.

There is one outbuilding that originally served as a carriage house. The construction of the carriage house coincided with the construction of the house in 1898. It features a central area for carriages, a tack room to the south and a horse stall to the north. Above the central carriage area is a loft. The building is made of wood with weatherboard exterior and a tin roof.

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Originally, the ceilings were 14 feet. They had been lowered to 10 feet throughout the house and sprayed with a textured layer. We removed the dropped ceiling, restoring them back to 14 feet. We installed sheetrock and wide crown molding in keeping with the period.

The heart pine floors had been painted and/or covered by carpet. We removed the carpet and carefully sanded the floors to remove paint and glue residue. Then a protective layer of polyurethane was applied.

Two wall partitions were removed to accommodate the last occupants use in 1985. At some point, the partition between the kitchen and dining area was removed and cabinets with a bar were installed. The cabinet/bar area was removed and the missing wall partition replaced to restore the character defining space.

Two commercial type restrooms had been added in 1985 at the rear entrance. This completely denied exit and entrance to the house and porch from the rear. These bathrooms were removed and the rear entrance to the house and porch restored.

On the east and north portion of the wrap around porch, the posts, brackets and balusters had been replaced with brick pillars, tapered posts, and square balusters. These did not match existing original posts on the west side of the porch. These features were removed and replaced in kind to replicate the original design features.

For the new use, we found it desirable to take in the attic. We did this without compromising the integrity of the main floor. We created three bedrooms and two baths in this area. It was therefore necessary to add a staircase and three dormer windows to meet fire code safety specifications. The staircase was carefully integrated into the central hallway so that it did not obstruct doorways or walkways. The dormer windows were intricately hand crafted to match the original imbricated gables on the house.

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Two bathrooms had to be added on the main floor for the new use. These were added on the north side of the wrap around porch. The baths extend five feet onto the porch, leaving a four foot walkway to maintain the integrity of the porch. Two stained glass windows were installed, one in each bathroom. These were in keeping with the Victorian theme.

The area underneath the south side of the house is a basement which originally served as a kitchen/cellar between 1898 and 1900. It was constructed of wood and plaster with windows opening to the south and east. At later unknown date, the walls were replaced in part by concrete blocks and the floor covered with scored cement. In 1994-1995, the partitions constructed by the last occupants were removed. Partitions were relocated for the new use. Waterproofing steps were taken to deter moisture and mildew problems which had deteriorated this part of the house. Moisture resistant sheetrock and mildew resistant paint were applied to the walls and ceiling. The floor was cleaned and painted with mildew resistant paint and a protective layer of polyurethane applied. For the new use, the basement area was converted into an en suite bedroom and laundry room.

The alterations that were made were all an attempt not only to accommodate the new use, but mainly to retain and restore the integrity of the house back as close to original as possible.

The house is situated on the northwest corner of a wooded lot. When it was constructed in 1898, it was three blocks from downtown Fayette. The town is now gradually expanding toward the residential area. It is the only house of its kind in Fayette. The yard is currently, as well as in the past, casually landscaped. Low growing shrubs line the front of the house. A patch of pansies along the walkway was added in 1994. Exterior lampposts were added for the new use. There are beautiful hardwood trees lining the 200' walkway. These trees were planted by the son of Edward Rose soon after the construction of the house. Three large magnolia trees and a wild dogwood tree add beauty to the lot. A 300' driveway extends from the carriage house to the street. Originally it consisted of an eroding clay and

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gravel mixture. In 1994, a washed aggregate layer was applied to simulate the gravel drive and to prevent further erosion. The south side of the driveway is partially lined with crepe myrtle bushes. Wild hydrangeas and day lilies grow on the southeast corner of the property.

Through much hard labor, research, and expense of time and resources, a part of Fayette County history has been saved.



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### 8. Statement of Significance

The Edward Rose House, constructed in 1898, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with the area of significance being architecture. The one-and-one-half story, wood frame building is a good local example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and a landmark within the small town of Fayette. Its design elements include a wraparound porch, a hexagonal tower with a bell-shaped roof and imbricated shingles in some of its gables. The house suffered some unsympathetic alterations over the years, but has recently been sensitively rehabilitated. This Queen Anne cottage retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

Although the community was established in 1821, the Edward Rose House is one of the few extant buildings that predates 1911 when a disastrous fire destroyed much of the downtown area.<sup>1</sup> The significance of the Edward Rose House as an important local articulation of the Queen Anne style of architecture is thus enhanced because of the style's rarity in Fayette.

<sup>1</sup> Sesquicentennial, "Pioneers Seek New Civilization, Establish City of Progress," Fayette County History, Volume One, Fayette, Alabama (September, 1969), pp. 3, 34, 35.

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### Historical Summary

Mr. Edward Rose, the original builder and owner of the Edward Rose House, played an important role in the upbuilding and prosperity of the city of Fayette. He was a resident of Fayette for approximately 70 years, residing in the Edward Rose House for approximately 55 of those years. Solid and substantial as a businessman, Edward Rose was the proprietor of one of the leading mercantile houses of this area. Due to his good name and sound business judgement, Edward Rose was held in high esteem by the community.<sup>1</sup>

Edward Rose was not only a well respected merchant but a man of high civic consciousness. Included in his civic activities were serving as trustee for school and school property in 1890 and again in 1900, stockholder in company to build a school in 1895, postmaster in 1896,<sup>2</sup> town councilman 1912 - 1914, and mayor 1918 - 1920.<sup>3</sup> While serving on the town council, he was instrumental in initiating the construction of a system of water and sewers.<sup>4</sup> Prior to Mr. Rose taking office as mayor in 1918, the city of Fayette was suffering financially. By the end of 1919, the financial status of the city had recovered to the point that city debts were paid and a surplus of funds remained.<sup>5</sup> The leadership and business expertise of Mr. Rose contributed to the financial recovery of the city.

During the years that Edward Rose resided at the Edward Rose House, he continued to be vital in the commercial and civic progress of Fayette. The restoration of this house helps to preserve a part of the heritage of the city of Fayette. Local residents have displayed a vast amount of interest and pride in this endeavor to preserve a piece of Fayette's history.

<sup>1</sup> 150 Yesteryears, "1909 City Summary," Fayette County History, Volume Two, Fayette, Alabama (January, 1971), p. 91.

<sup>2</sup> Looking Back, 1824 - 1974, Fayette County History, Volume Three, Fayette, Alabama (December, 1974), pp. 32, 50, 87.

<sup>3</sup> Sesquicentennial, Fayette County History, Volume One, Fayette, Alabama, (September, 1969), p. 18.

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<sup>4</sup>Looking Back, 1824 - 1974, Fayette County History,  
Volume Three, Fayette, Alabama, (December, 1974), p. 55.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid, p. 57.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Alabama, January, 1971, p. 91.

Sesquicentennial, Fayette County History, Volume One, Fayette,  
Alabama, September, 1969, pp. 3, 18, 34, 35.

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### 10. Geographical Data

#### Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 43 of Fayette S/D; Less Beg. NW cor.  
Lot 43; E 90.22 alg. 3rd St. NW; S 99.1';  
W 65.5'; NW 101.95' to POB.

Sec. 6 T 16S R 12W

433's x 309'3 IRR

DB 166 PG 729

A lot or parcel of land lying within Lot 43 of Fayette  
Subdivision in City of Fayette, being more particularly  
described as follows:

Begin at the point where the West right of way line of Winston  
Street intersects the South right of way line of McGuire Street;  
thence run West along the South right of way line of McGuire  
Street for a distance of 425.91 feet to the North end of a  
wooden fence; thence run South along said fence for a distance  
of 99.1 feet to the point where said fence turns West along  
said fence for a distance of 65.50 feet to the point where it  
intersects a chain link fence; thence run South along said chain  
link fence for a distance of 296.80 feet to the North right of  
way line of 2nd Street, N.W.; thence run East to the North right  
of way line of said 2nd Street, N.W. for a distance of 429.25  
feet to the West right of way line of Winston Street; thence  
run North along the West right of way line of said Winston Street  
for a distance of 383.20 feet to the point of beginning.

Situated, lying and being within City of Fayette, Fayette County,  
Alabama.

#### Boundary Justification:

These are the boundaries currently associated with the  
property.

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PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION

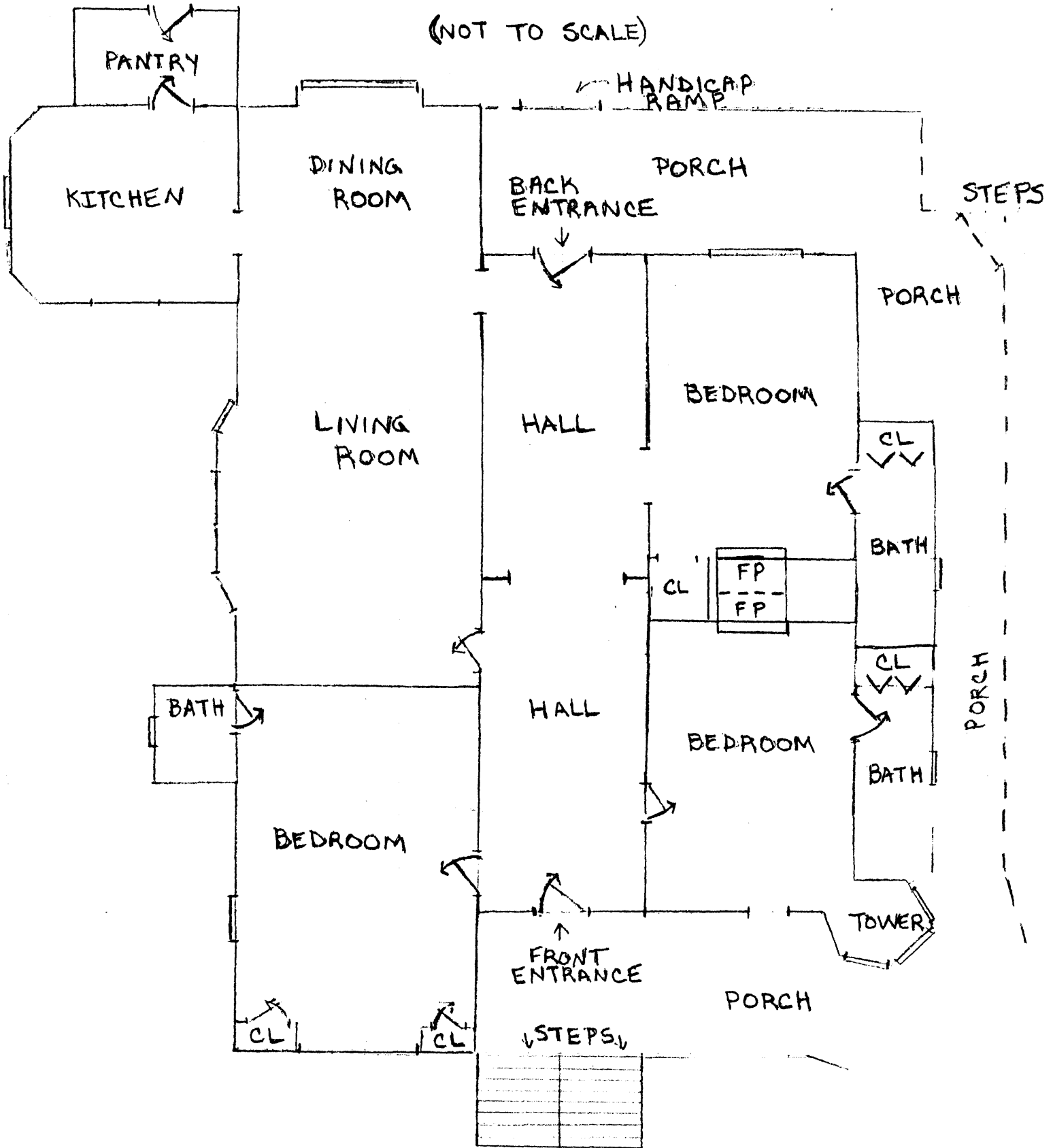
- 1) Edward Rose House, 325 2nd Ave. NW, Fayette
- 2) Fayette County, Alabama
- 3) Photographer for Photographs #1, #2, #9-#11, #13-#16, #19-#20: Michael James  
Photographer for Photographs #3-#8, #12, #17-#18, #21-#23: Diane Fisher
- 4) Date of Photographs #1, #2, #9-#11, #13-#16, #19-#20: Sept. 29, 1994  
Date of Photographs #3-#8, #12, #17-#18: Sept. 20, 1994  
Date of Photographs #21-#23: February 28, 1995
- 5) Location of Original Negatives: Alabama Historical Commission

PHOTOGRAPHS

- #1 Front facade, camera facing W
- #2 Side elevation, camera facing N
- #3 Front facade & front yard, camera facing NW
- #4 Front facade & front yard, camera facing W
- #5 Front porch, camera facing N
- #6 Front & side elevations, camera facing SW
- #7 Central, 1st floor hall, camera facing W
- #8 Second floor hall, camera facing NE
- #9 Bedroom with tower room, camera facing N
- #10 Rear bedroom, camera facing W
- #11 Front, south bedroom, camera facing W
- #12 Dining room to kitchen, camera facing SW
- #13 Living/dining area, camera facing W
- #14 Dining area, camera facing E
- #15 Kitchen, camera facing S
- #16 Stairwell, camera facing W
- #17 Upstairs bedroom, camera facing NW
- #18 Door in renovated attic space, camera facing W
- #19 Upstairs bedroom, camera facing W
- #20 Upstairs bedroom, camera facing E
- #21 Carriage house, front facade, camera facing W
- #22 Carriage house, side & rear elevations, camera facing NE
- #23 Carriage house, side & rear elevations, camera facing SE

ROSE HOUSE INN  
FAYETTE CO., ALABAMA

(NOT TO SCALE)





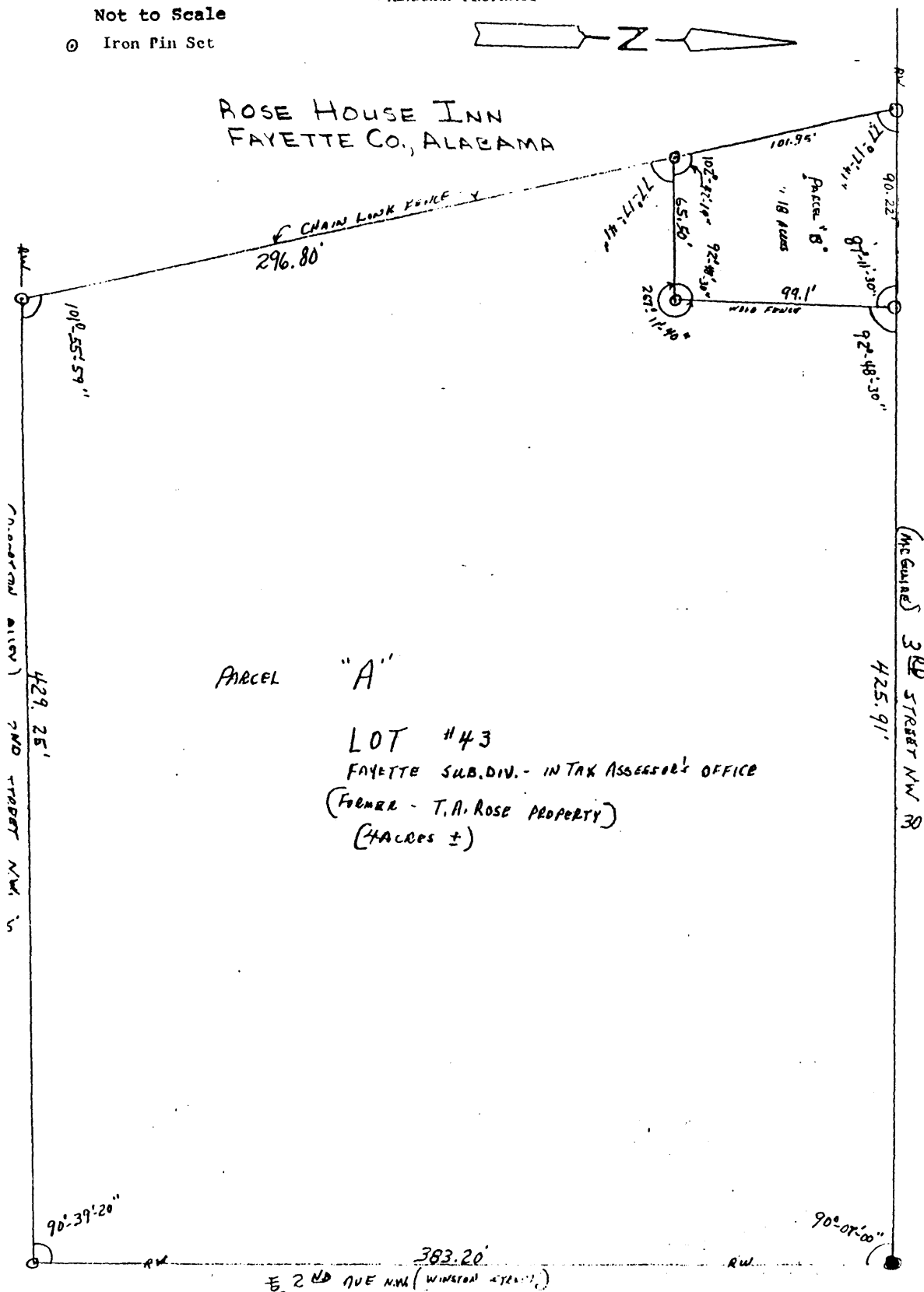


Not to Scale

⊙ Iron Pin Set



ROSE HOUSE INN  
FAYETTE CO., ALABAMA



PARCEL "A"

LOT #43  
FAYETTE SUB.DIV. - IN TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE  
(FORMER - T.A. ROSE PROPERTY)  
(4 ACRES ±)

I, CHARLES B. ELLENBURG, DO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT MAP OR PLAT OF LOT #43 FAYETTE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP IN THE TAX ACCESSORS OFFICE. LOCATED IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. CONTAINING 4 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

*Charles B. Ellenburg*  
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