

1. Center-Gaillard House
2. 3500 The Cedars
Mobile, Mobile County
Alabama
3. Dr. and Mrs. M.W. Gaillard
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4. Lot 42,S 13,T4S,R2W
5. Tax Parcel #100, Map 02-28-06-37-2; irregular lot 267.17'x135'x187.4'x96.3'
x 193.5' x 385' at north of intersection of The Cedars and Dogwood Lane. See
attached map.

Acreage: .42 UTM 16 391/310 3396/890

6. 1827, oldest section, addition of cottage about 1837; porch enclosed on the
northwest bays by present owner after purchase in 1935.
7. Description: The enclosed sketch of the ground plan gives an indication of
the changes from the small trapper's cabin, now the south half of
the living room, the the present building that is made up of a
central cottage, cabin and gallery surrounding the building on all
sides. The old passageway that connects the cabin to the cottage
has been infilled as part of the living and dining rooms. The
cottage is of side hall plan with 2 large parlors on the east side.
A narrow, enclosed stairway leads up to the garret from the rear
of the hall. The house is on a low foundation which originally was
made of cypress logs, some of which were only recently removed by
the present owner and replaced by brick piers. The gallery that
surrounds the building has an unusual drop dentil course accenting
the porch entablature. The columns on the south, east and west are
compounded with a central square member in the center and small
units around it. The columns on the north, the original facade, have
simple, heavy shafts with a stilt block placed between the capital
and the architrave above, suggesting that the early porch may have
been lower and raised when the all-around-gallery was installed.
The balustrade is of the 1830 type with rounded top rail and with
square balusters that form a swallow tail cut where they join the
bottom rail. The pitch of the roof is broken where it flares out
toward the north and the south from the cottage section and joins
on to the shed over the old cabin portion. A small gable covers
the present south entrance that is now the front since the house has
been reoriented from north to south. The original front door on the
north has a framing of channelled jambs and plain corner blocks with
a transom of 5 lights extending across both door and side lights.
The latter have 4 glass panes above a molded panel. The north
entrance has plain framing and a modern door with 9 panes of
glass above molded panels. The main chimney rises above the ridge
of the cottage and serves the two fireplaces in the two east rooms.
A second smaller chimney believed to be the original from the cabin
has a large fireplace in what is now the living room. Windows are
plain framed with old glass, 6/6 lights.

(description,cont.) On the east side of the lot is the old kitchen house, the oldest yet found in the Mobile vicinity. It is a small, one room building with wide cypress boards of a board and batten siding. A small primitive window is on the west side and the entrance on the south has a small canopy with the same drop dentil molding as seen in the house gallery. The kitchen is not in its original position but was moved by Dr. Gaillard without dismantling the fireplace and chimney. The old well site is still discernible.

The house and kitchen are both of heavy timber framing with mitred joinery pegged together.

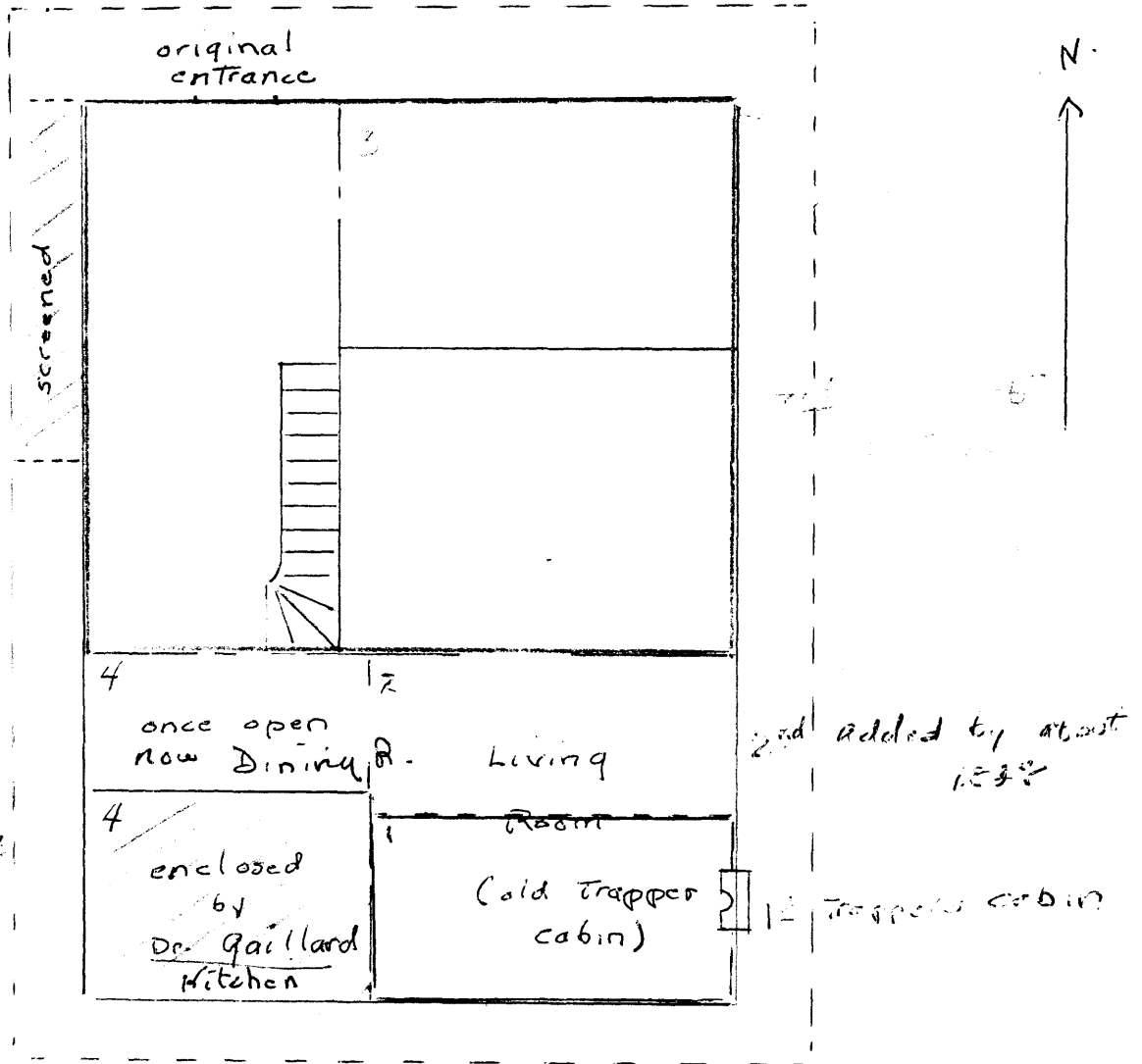
8. Significance:

The building contains some of the earliest construction that has survived in the Springhill summer town development. The transformation from hut to house can be traced through the roof lines, the flooring and the differences in the siding of the south and north sides.

The old kitchen house is the best surviving example of the simple board and batten type that was undoubtedly the most commonly constructed dependency of the times.

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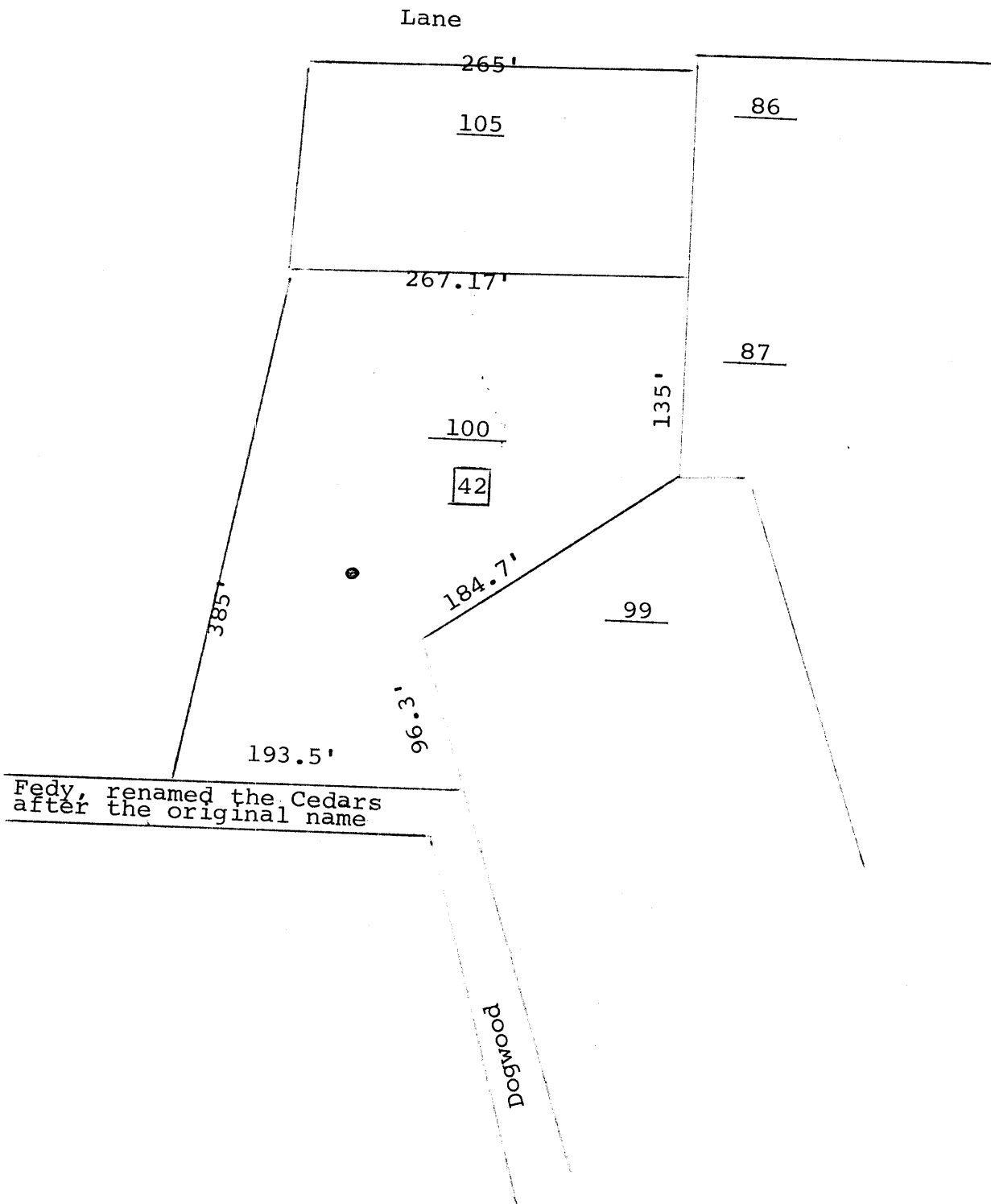
The old road that in 1828 passed to the north of the house can be traced by the lines of a gully that goes through the rear of the property.



Present House faces South

not scaled

3000 The Cedars, #3
Plat Room Tax Map 02-28-06-37-2, Parcel 100; old Robertson Map
Parcel 42



Fedy, renamed the Cedars
after the original name