

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 William H. Byrom House
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number Main Street
city, town Byromville (n/a) vicinity of
county Dooly code GA 093
state Georgia code GA zip code 31007

(n/a) not for publication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:

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	1
objects	0	0
total	1	1

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Mark R. Edwards

Signature of certifying official

Date 1/15/97

Mark R. Edwards
State Historic Preservation Officer,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson A. Beall 2.14.97

() determined eligible for the National Register

() determined not eligible for the National Register

() removed from the National Register

() other, explain:

() see continuation sheet

Signature, Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC/single family
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural outbuildings
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural fields

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/single family

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival
OTHER/Georgian Cottage

Materials:

foundation	brick
walls	wood
roof	asphalt
other	n/a

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The William H. Byrom House is located in the center of the small town of Byromville in Dooly County, located south of Macon in Bibb County. The house is situated on the large lot bounded on the south by the intersection of Georgia SR 90 and the Seaboard Coast Railroad. The house is a detached single dwelling located on a large lot with mature cedar trees and foundation plants located in the front yard. Constructed in 1859, the William H. Byrom House is a one-story, wood-framed, Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage. Exterior architectural features include: a hipped roof; two interior brick chimneys; wide plain entablature; flush-board siding on the front facade and weatherboard siding on the rest of the exterior; full-facade front porch with square wooden columns with Doric capitals; decorative balustrade; central entrance with paired paneled doors, seven-light transom, and four-light sidelights; nine-over-nine double-hung windows with shutters; and brick foundation. Interior architectural features include: an intact central-hall floor plan with two rooms on either side of the hall; four fireplaces with classical-style mantels; paneled doors with intact original hardware; intact paired doors with transom and sidelights identical to the main entrance; wood window and door surrounds; and original wood floors. The alterations to the rectangular-block house include the addition of rear rooms and carport, moving a historic well a few feet, and the addition of some molding. The property remained in the Byrom family until 1992 when the current owners purchased the house. The current owners completed a certified rehabilitation on the house in 1995.

8. Statement of Significance

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
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance:

1859-1946

Significant Dates:

1859 - Construction of the William H. Byrom House

Significant Person(s):

William H. Byrom

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

n/a

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Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The William H. Byrom House is located on the largest lot in the center of the town of Byromville in Dooly County. The house is an excellent intact example of an antebellum house associated with the town's founding family. The William H. Byrom House is determined to be significant in the areas of architecture and community planning and development.

The William H. Byrom House, built in 1859, is determined to be significant in the area of architecture as a excellent intact example of a Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage with intact features which include: a full-length front porch with square wooden columns with Doric capitals; flush-board siding on the front facade; wide plain entablature; wood floors; window and door moldings; classical-style mantels; and plaster ceilings and walls. The type and style of this house are identified as a significant type and style in the Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings context. The application of the Greek Revival style to the Georgian cottage type house was a common practice in Georgia during the mid-19th century. According to the context, the style was predominately used from the 1840s to the 1860s, only a relatively small number of such houses actually existed in the state, and most were found in towns rather than as plantation houses in rural areas.

The house is significant in community planning and development for its historical associations with William H. Byrom (1817-1873), the founding father of Byrom and the original owner of the Byrom House from 1859 to 1873. Byrom and his wife, Susan M. Byrom (1826-1917), moved from Jasper County to Dooly County, Georgia after their marriage in 1848. Byrom purchased 800 acres for his house and farm in the community of Friendship, now Byromville, for \$4,000.00 in 1852. In 1853, Byrom built the town's first store, the William Hardwick Byrom Store, on the northwest corner of Main Street and Central Avenue--the building is no longer standing. A post office was included in the store and Byrom served as the town's first postmaster from 1853 to 1866. Byrom deeded three acres to the Friendship Methodist Church for the construction of a church building. Once Byrom completed construction of his house in 1859, the major buildings in the small town consisted of the William Hardwick Byrom Store with the post office, Byrom's house, and the Friendship Methodist Church (c.1856), now the First United Methodist Church of Byromville. Even after

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Byrom's death in 1873, the Byrom family continued to be influential in the development of the town.

The community remained small in size until Byrom's son, John S. Byrom (1849-1911), sold the required right-of-way needed to secure the passage of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad (now Seaboard Coast Railroad) through the Byrom property in 1903. As a result of the railroad running through the Byrom's property, the community began to grow in population and more buildings were constructed. In 1903, Charles R. Girard, the engineer in charge of the construction of the railroad, laid out the plans for the development of the town of Byromville. The town of Byromville was incorporated on August 9, 1905.

National Register Criteria

The William H. Byrom House is determined to be eligible under National Register Criterion B for the historic association between William H. Byrom and the development of the town of Byromville. The house is also determined to be eligible under National Register Criterion C as an excellent example of a Greek Revival-style Georgian cottage house built in 1859, which the Greek Revival style and Georgian cottage type are identified in the Georgia's Living Places context as a significant house type and style in Georgia.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

n/a

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for the William H. Byrom House begins with the construction of the house in 1859 and ends in 1873, the end of the historic period.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The one contributing resource is the William H. Byrom House built in 1859 and the noncontributing resource consists of a new well. The original well was abandoned and a new well constructed during the recent restoration of the house.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Averill, John M. and Karen A.K. Oliver. "The William H. Byrom House, Historic property Information Form December 14, 1993" . On file at the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with supplemental information.

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

- () 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:

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

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

Dy-519 (Dooly County Survey)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 5 acres.

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 225980 Northing 3566240

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary for the William H. Byrom House is drawn to scale on the attached tax maps with a heavy black line.

Boundary Justification

The National Register boundary encompasses the William H. Byrom House and the remaining 5 acres associated with the house.

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National Park Service

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Photographs

Name of Property: William H. Byrom House
City or Vicinity: Byromville
County: Dooly
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: December, 1993

Description of Photograph(s):

- 1 of 9 View of William H. Byrom House and yard; photographer facing southwest.
- 2 of 9 View of house and yard, photographer facing southeast.
- 3 of 9 View of front facade of the house; photographer facing south.
- 4 of 9 View of rear facade of the house; photographer facing north.
- 5 of 9 View of central hall; photographer facing north.
- 6 of 9 View of guest bedroom; photographer facing southeast.
- 7 of 9 View of mantel in master bedroom; photographer facing north.
- 8 of 9 View of the parlor; photographer facing southeast.
- 9 of 9 View of dining room; photographer facing northwest.

PHOTO KEY AND SITE MAP

William H. Byrom House

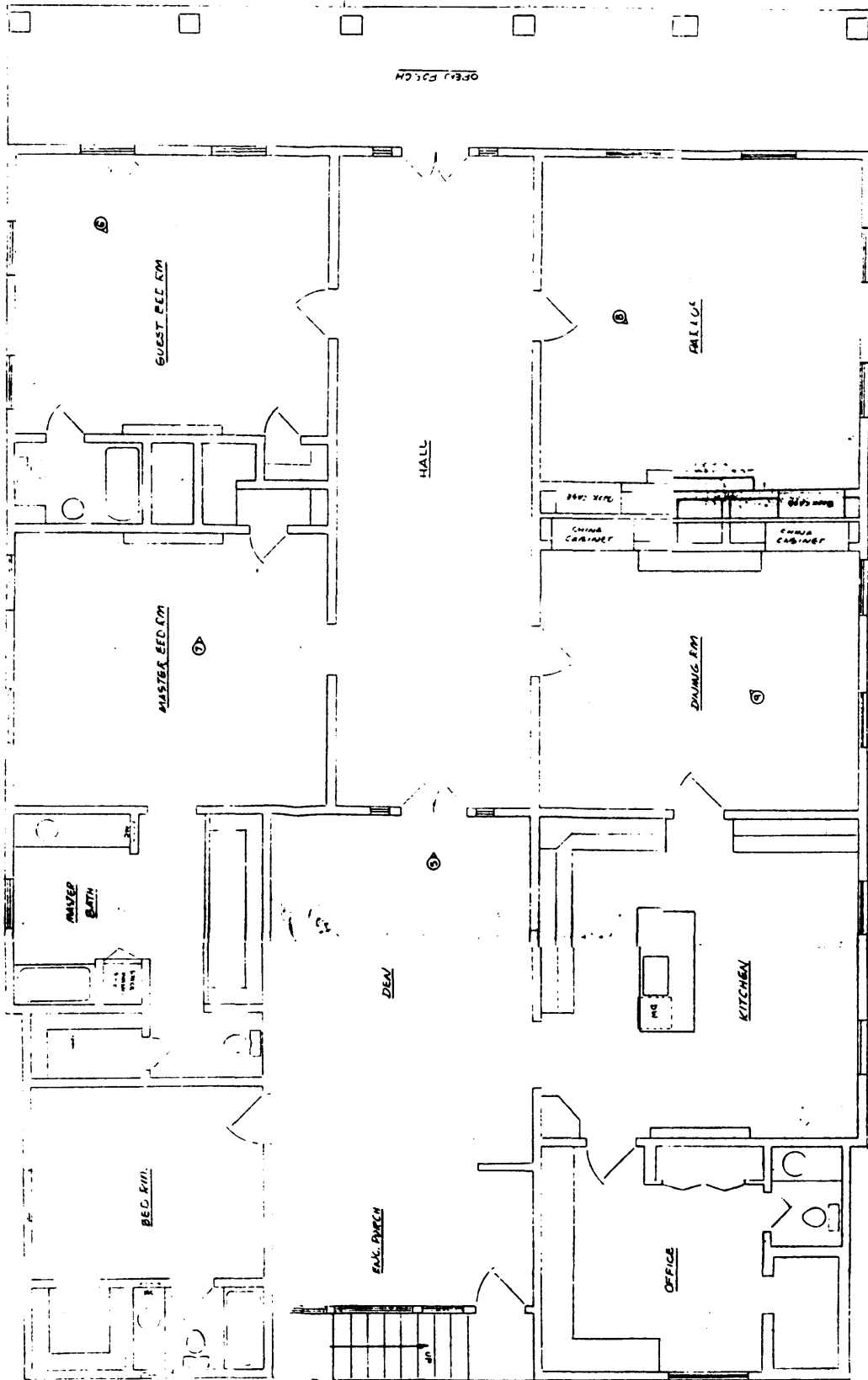
Byromville, Dooly County, GA.

Not drawn to scale

⊙ = Photo direction and number

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Site Map

William H. Byrom House
Byromville, Dooly County, Georgia
Dooly County Tax Map B-5
Scale 1"=100'

National Register boundary is marked with a heavy black line.

