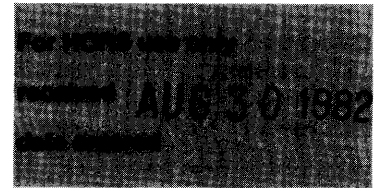


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic C.W. Deen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 413 North Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Baxley N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Georgia code 013 county Appling code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. E.J. Virusky

street & number 413 North Main Street

city, town Baxley N/A vicinity of Georgia 31513

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Appling County Courthouse

city, town Baxley state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records None

city, town _____ state _____

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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The C.W. Deen House, built between 1894 and 1897, is a two and one-half story late-Victorian frame house with Queen Anne style detailing, located on a city lot near downtown Baxley, Appling County, Georgia.

The Deen House has a four-over-four room with central stairhall plan, with a one story rear kitchen ell. One story porches wrap around the front, south side, and rear, and a second story balcony highlights the front facade. The balloon frame house sits on a brick pier foundation with a brick lattice underpinning. It is weatherboarded on the first floor and on the second floor rear, and has decorative shingles elsewhere. The second floor is finished with a combination of staggered butt and imbricated shingles, and the gable ends combine imbricated and fishscale shingles. A frieze, divided into panels, wraps around the house at the roof line, and brackets which spring from it support the cornice. The structure's hip roof has five projecting gables, two on the front and one each on the other three sides. Four corbeled brick chimneys (one is a later addition) rise from the roof. Double hung sash windows with simple wood surrounds have one-over-one lights on the first floor front facade and attic, a variety of one-over-one Queen Anne style stained glass windows on the first floor front and sides, and two-over-two lights elsewhere. The front facade features a central entrance with a door surround composed of fluted pilasters and a paneled frieze. It is flanked by bay windows and is further highlighted by a porch roof pediment that is centered in front of it. The porch, with paired, bracketed columns and elaborate turned railing balusters, was modified in about 1915 at the north end to form a carport. The second floor balcony, with a railing similar to the porch below, is accessible through a French door directly above the main entrance. In 1975, a portion of the south porch was enclosed with glass to form a greenhouse. On the rear, an L-shaped porch area is enclosed on one side to house a bathroom and storage area and screened in (in 1952) along the other.

The interior has a four-over-four room with central stair hall plan, with a rear kitchen/pantry wing. Finishing details include plaster walls and ceilings, picture rails in every room, and molded door and window surrounds that meet at patera blocks. Windows and paneled doors retain their original brass hardware, and windows have their original interior blinds. All interior woodwork is of heart pine and features such as the stair newel post, wainscoting and built-in china cabinet and sideboard in the dining room are of rare curly heart pine. The first floor stair hall has an open two-run stairway with a landing, a curved wall, and an elaborate mantel which, like most of the other downstairs mantels, has a mirrored overmantel and imported tiles. A bathroom and storage room, probably original to the house, open off the "billiard room," and the pantry, "keeping room," and kitchen extend to the rear, off the dining room. Upstairs are four bedrooms (the southwest one was originally a game room) with somewhat less elaborate mantels; a bathroom is situated over a portion of the kitchen ell. The house was originally heated by the fireplaces and lighted by gas; running water and indoor bathrooms were original.

The house is landscaped with lawn, flowering shrubs, and large oak, pecan, magnolia and cedar trees, indigenous to the area. There are no existing historic outbuildings on the property, only a tool shed to the west of the house, built in 1952. The Deen House is located along North Main Street in what used to be one of the most fashionable residential areas of town. Commercial development has steadily encroached on the area and

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presently only the Deen House block and the next block north are zoned residential. Most of the other Victorian residences have been lost. The house faces a parking lot for the local Ford dealership. To the north and south are residences dating from 1891 and the 1920's.

BOUNDARY

The nominated property consists of all that remains of the four-acre lot originally associated with the house. The boundary, described in the current deed, located in Appling County Deed Book 73, page 180 is as follows:

"That tract of land...fronting on North Main Street for a distance of 100 feet and running in a westerly direction in a strip of equal width as front for a distance of 275 feet, more or less, to property line of Vera Rivers. Said property being bound: north by the residence property of Mrs. J.B. Moore; east by North Main Street; south by Grainer residence property in part and in part by lands of Mrs. J.B. Moore; and west by the lands of Vera Rivers."

Baxley has no tax maps or plats for this section of the city.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in November, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1894-1897 **Builder/Architect** J.J. Johnson, architect/builder.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The C.W. Deen House, built between 1894 and 1897, is historically significant in the areas of architecture, commerce and local history. In terms of architecture, the house is significant as an outstanding example of a late-Victorian residence with Queen Ann style detailing in Southeast Georgia. It is the largest and grandest house remaining in the county built in this style and during this period. Its outstanding interior wood detailing is a fine example of the particularly elaborate woodwork that is often associated with the houses of South Georgia's timber and naval stores operators such as C.W. Deen. In terms of commerce, the house is significant for its association with C.W. Deen, the leading landowner and businessman in Appling County in the early years of the twentieth century. Deen was a major naval stores operator at a time when south Georgia led the world as a producer of naval stores; he was also active locally in banking, farming and real estate. In terms of local history, the house is significant for the role it played as a center of social life in Baxley during the tenure of the Deen family and of their successors, W. Hughes Rogers and his wife Carrie Rogers, who was co-founder of the Baxley Women's Club. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A, B and C.

Architecturally, the Deen House is a fine example of a large late-Victorian residence in the Baxley area. It has many typical Queen Ann style features including the wrap-around porch, stained glass windows, tall corbeled chimneys, projecting gables, varied exterior wall treatment and interior paneling and mantels; yet its four-over-four with central stairhall plan lacks the open flow-through layout associated with high-style Queen Ann residences. The Deen House is an outstanding local interpretation of the style. Particularly notable are the fine exterior shingle work and porch detailing and the magnificent curly heart pine woodwork in the stair hall and dining room that includes the wainscoting, newel post and built-in china cabinet and sideboard. The mantels, each individually carved, and many with mirrored over mantels and imported tiles, and the stained glass windows are also very fine. The Deen House is the only residence of this period and style remaining in Appling County. The house was designed by Joseph J. Johnson, a locally well-known builder/architect who designed and built a number of Baxley's most prominent structures including the county courthouse, a bank building, a church and several other residences.

The Deen House is commercially significant because of its association with C.W. Deen (1861-1927), one of Appling County's most successful businessmen at the turn-of-the-century. C.W. Deen, a native of Appling County, built his Baxley house between 1894 and 1897 and lived there until 1908, when he moved his family to Lakeland, Florida. While in Appling County he became one of the largest naval stores operators in the region with at least two turpentine stills in operation, one in Baxley and one in Beach, Georgia near Alma in what is now Bacon County. At the turn-of-the-century, Georgia was the leading producer of naval stores in the country and Appling County, with its huge tracts of long leaf yellow pine, was one of the important turpentine producing counties in the state. Baxley, which in 1872 became the county seat, developed after 1870 around Station #7

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Floyd, Mrs. W.G. "Historic Property Information Form: C.W. Deen Home, Baxley, Georgia," September, 1981. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.6 acre

Quadrangle name Baxley, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	7	3	7	2	3	3	0	3	5	1	6	7	1	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

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F

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G

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Section 7.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher

Historic Preservation Section

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date July 8, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone 404 656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 8/23/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 9/30/82

Almond Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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on the Bacon and Brunswick Railroad. It became the county's marketing and shipping center as the area experienced a period of rapid growth in the last decade of the nineteenth century. In 1908 C.W. Deen was the largest landowner in the county with a total of 8,350 acres.

Dean was active in other business and farming enterprises, in addition to his naval stores operations. In 1888, he was operating a grist mill in Baxley and in 1889 he is shown as occupying a store there. In 1901 he became a leader in a local project to build a sugar refinery that was intended to boost the area's economy. He bought \$1600 of stock in the operation and planted some of his extensive farm land in sugar cane. In 1906, he became involved with the development of nearby Alma (now in Bacon County), becoming secretary of the Alma Land and Improvement Company. He maintained business interests in the county after his move to Florida, and in 1917 played a key role in the establishment of the Baxley State Bank.

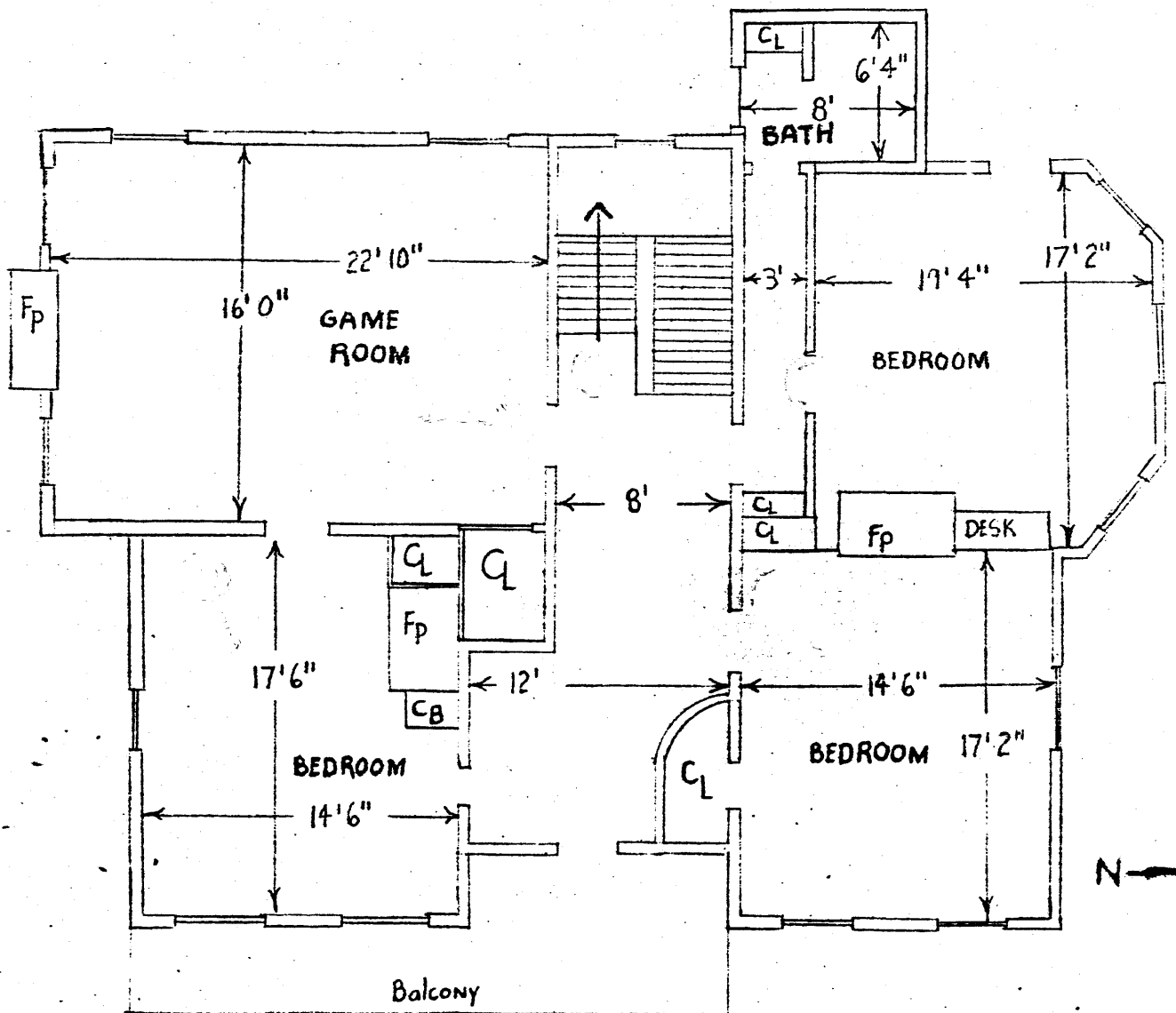
In terms of local history, the C.W. Deen House is significant for the role it played as a center of social life in Baxley. During the Deen family years in the house much entertaining went on, and parties given in the house were sometimes front page news in the Baxley News Banner. The house was set up for entertaining with a large billiard room downstairs and a game room on the second floor. In 1909, W. Hughes Rogers, a Baxley businessman, and his wife Carrie Rogers bought the house, and Carrie Rogers, active in local women's organizations in town and co-founder of the Women's Club of Baxley, continued the tradition of hosting parties.

C.W. DEEN HOUSE
Baxley, Appling County, Georgia

FLOOR PLANS

North: →
Scale: 1" = 8'

2ND FLOOR



1ST FLOOR

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FLOOR PLANS

North: →
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