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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name Scott Mansion

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Scott Mansion Road, @ 1 1/4 mi. off Hwy. 68 not for publication

city/town Tellico Plains vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Monroe code 123 zip code 37385

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.)

Herbert L. Hays 12/10/92
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
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 of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action National Register

Richard Dyer 1/21/93

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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	
6	3	buildings
		sites
	2	structures
		objects
6	5	Total

Name of related multiple property listing **Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

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

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding

AGRICULTURE: agricultural field

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding

AGRICULTURE: agricultural field

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter Categories from instructions)

Neo-Classical Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt shingle

other Marble sills and coping

Wood

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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
- N/A

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
AGRICULTURE
INDUSTRY
EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1908-1930

Significant Dates

1908-1912

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Scott, Charles A.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Waters, C..L.

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): 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

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 189

Mount Vernon 132 NE

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3	<u>1 6</u>	<u>7 4 5 8 2 0</u>	<u>3 9 1 8 5 4 0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<u>1 6</u>	<u>7 4 5 7 8 0</u>	<u>3 9 1 9 3 8 0</u>

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

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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 James and Chris Hall

street & number Rt. 4, Scott Mansion Road telephone 615/253-3009

city or town Tellico Plains state Tennessee zip code 37385

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

This nomination consists of six contributing resources: a two story brick house known as the Scott Mansion built between 1908 and 1912, a one story frame tenant house, a washhouse/smokehouse, two barns, and an ice house.

Perched majestically atop a hill in Tellico Plains, Monroe County, Tennessee, the 189 acre property overlooks a picturesque broad floodplain of the Tellico River bordered on the south by the mountainous Cherokee National Forest. Once a thriving lumber town with a population of 3,000 at the turn of the century, the Town of Tellico Plains is now a quiet community of about 650 people surrounded by rolling farmland and mountains.

The view of the house is screened from the road which winds along the foot of the hill by mature hardwood trees. Gates at the foot of the curved drive afford additional privacy. Evidence of formal landscaping can be seen in front of the house. Hardwood trees and boxwoods symmetrically line both sides of the sidewalk and one side of the drive which circles around the west side of the house past a raised flower bed and back to the front through the porte-cochere. The boundaries of the nominated property include pasture and wooded acreage on three sides of the house which were a part of the original farm. Even though most of the original land has been sold off over the years, the remaining 189 acres contain more than enough of the original setting to captivate visitors.

Constructed of yellow brick laid in stretcher bond, the Scott Mansion is a two story, five bay, Neo-classical Revival house with a partial basement. The asphalt shingled side gable roof is hidden by projecting corbiestepped endgables and four exterior end brick chimneys. A cornice of elaborately sawn brackets and a row of dentil molding complements the overhanging boxed eaves on the facade and rear elevations. Windows on both floors are nine-over-one double hung while the attic windows are two-over-two double hung. All windows have marble sills and flat brick lintels. Most, if not all, of the window glass is original.

The five bay facade faces south toward the Cherokee National Forest and is dominated by a two story full facade porch supported by six wooden fluted colossal columns and two wooden truncated fluted pilasters, all with Corinthian capitals. The four middle columns and house support the upper story three bay porch. The sawn wood balustrade on the upper story porch is repeated in the rail along the edge of the porch roof. Deeply recessed, the divided transom and sidelights of the entry are framed by a projecting cornice and fluted pilasters.

One story full length porches supported by round wooden Doric columns extend along the east and north (rear) elevations. The porch on the east side extends beyond the rear wall of the house and terminates at the washhouse/smokehouse. An offset pedimented portico with a dentil frieze near the east end of the rear porch is balanced on the end of the west elevation by an attached porte-cochere which repeats the columns and portico of the porch. No changes have been made to the exterior of the house.

Each floor of the house contains four corner rooms located off a central hall. Oak has been used exclusively throughout the interior for floors, doors, baseboards, door surrounds, crown molding, butler's pantry, and the open well three-run staircase. None of the oak has ever been painted except for the crown molding in some of the rooms.

The kitchen, butler's pantry, dining room, two parlors, and a half bath are located on the first floor; four bedrooms and two full baths are on the second.

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With the exception of the kitchen, each room has a fireplace on the end wall and plaster ceiling medallion. Only the fireplace mantel in the rear parlor has been altered; the rest are small relatively plain interpretations of the Neo-Classical Revival style having ceramic tile surrounds and hearths.

The only changes made to the interior are the fireplace mentioned above and the replacement of kitchen cabinets and appliances.

Attached to the end of the porch which runs along the east elevation of the house is a gabled, single story, two room washhouse/smokehouse. It is constructed in the same materials as the house and is has six-over-one double hung and six light casement windows. (C)

Near the road on the easterly side of the curving drive, is a one story three bay frame tenant house built in 1910. Originally one of five such houses on the property, this side gabled building with a rear shed addition has a tin roof and narrow gauge weatherboard. The house has a central interior brick chimney, two-over-two double hung windows and a full length porch with square wooden columns and sawn balustrade. Both the porch and main portion of the house have vertical board over the foundation, however, the rear shed portion rests on a random laid fieldstone foundation. (C) On the westerly side of the drive across from the tenant house is a 1912 rectangular frame barn with attached silo, metal roof, and limestone foundation. (C)

Behind the tenant house is a ca. 1800 limestone ice-house which was initially part of the McDermott Farm. (The Scott Mansion reportedly was built on the site of this earlier house). It is a small rectangular underground structure whose interior walls were covered with cement during the twentieth century. (C)

A buggy and horse barn is a short distance behind and to the northwest side of the main house. This one story frame building was constructed in 1910, has a gabled roof with wooden shingles and weatherboard siding. (C)

The three non-contributing buildings and two non-contributing structures include: a 1973 garage constructed of logs from Chattanooga's Union Railroad Station and a 1979 log cabin rebuilt with logs salvaged from the Brock Candy Company, also in Chattanooga. The current owners built a small frame chapel with stained glass windows in 1990 as well as a gazebo on the west side of the main house. An in-ground swimming pool situated adjacent to the east side of the main house is also a non-contributing structure.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scott Mansion property is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the agricultural, industrial and educational development of Tellico Plains. It is also eligible under Criteria B and C as the residence of Charles A. Scott, a man largely responsible for shaping the town's development and as a beautifully maintained and rare example of unaltered Neo-Classical Revival architecture in Monroe County.

Charles Abner Scott (1866-1930) was born in Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee. While attending Grant University in Chattanooga, he worked part-time as a saw filer for the Hart and Loomis Manufacturing Company. Later, he quit school and went to work for them on a full-time basis as yard operations supervisor. He met and married Clara Johnson of Chattanooga a short time later.

The company transferred him to Citico Creek in Monroe County and after completing his responsibilities there, came to Tellico Plains around 1890 as the yard and operations supervisor at the Hart and Loomis Lumber Company. He obtained a half interest in the firm a few years later and in 1895, at the age of 29, became the sole owner. The business continued to operate under the same name as before: "C. A. Scott and Loomis Manufacturing Company." A progressive young man, Scott completely modernized the plant and installed electric lights between 1895 and 1900.

In 1910, the Monroe County Court gave permission to the Tellico River Lumber Company to install a public waterworks. This facility was co-owned by the Scott and Loomis Manufacturing Company. The waterworks was later expanded and became the Tellico Water System. In the 1920s, it was sold to the Stokely Brothers Company when they located a plant in Tellico Plains.

Scott considered himself to be a farmer as well as lumberman. Realizing the vast stands of mountain timber would someday be exhausted, he began buying up farmland. Scott consolidated land which had once belonged to the McDermott, Cooke, Johnson and Lee families into his home farm and at one point in time, had amassed over 15,000 acres. Part of his vast holdings included the Colonel William P. H. McDermott house, a two story brick structure (ca. 1863) which stood on the crest of a hill overlooking a broad valley and the Unaka Mountains on a portion of land which Scott now owned. Evidently unable to find a more picturesque location upon which to build, Scott hired Knoxville architect, C. L. Waters, to draw up remodeling plans for the McDermott house. Soon after the work began in 1908, the house was found to have structural problems and was demolished. With only slight changes to Waters' blueprints, Scott Mansion was constructed on the old foundation of the McDermott House and completed in 1912. Scott and his second wife, Miss Mayme Sue Lee of Tellico Plains, moved into the new house and remained there the rest of their lives.

Beginning in 1911, Scott made several trips to the Midwest (mostly Ohio) to study farming methods. Impressed by the fertility of the pastures, he inquired as to whether the presence of limestone outcroppings was somehow responsible. No one knew, but Scott was inquisitive enough to return to Tellico Plains and have the rock graded. It turned out to be 96% pure lime. Like a man with a mission, Scott ordered and installed a lime crushing plant for his farm. He eventually put six tons of pulverized limestone on each acre he owned then crushed rock for area roads and farms.

His experiment turned acres of infertile land into lush pasture and cropland and was so successful that people from all over East Tennessee came to see it. The University of Tennessee sent people to observe and study it. Scott was also the first to plant bottom pastureland in crimson clover during the winter months and move livestock to hillsides to graze because he believed using the bottom land for pasture during wet winter months damaged it. In 1914, he went back to Ohio and purchased a registered herd of Polanger cattle, the first of this breed brought into the area.

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Therefore, the Scott Mansion Farm is eligible under Criterion A as a significant local example of an early twentieth century progressive farm in Monroe County. In general, the practice of agriculture in Monroe County during the early twentieth century still reflected nineteenth century crops, attitudes, and techniques. Sheer erosion and gulying were everywhere; by 1935 such erosion had damaged well over half of the county's farmland. Farmers rarely used fertilizers nor did they rotate their crops. Crop yields suffered accordingly. In 1910, an acre of corn in Monroe County produced less than 16 bushels. Tenancy had become commonplace: at least 40% of the county's farmers were tenants at this time. Farm size continued to decrease from an average of 120 acres to 104 by 1910; the time that Scott began to fully develop his farm outside of Tellico Plains.

Scott's experimentation with new crops, lime fertilizer, cattle breeding, and the sheer acreage he amassed distinguished his farm operations from those of his neighbors. Compared to other documented historic family farms listed in the Tennessee Century Farms project, the Scott Mansion Farm was the first in the county to utilize lime fertilizer to revitalize worn-out fields. Scott's efforts also encouraged the local farmers to turn to hay and beef cattle production. For example, the Brookside Farm, which is two miles southwest of Sweetwater, was one of the first to adopt progressive farming techniques but did not do so until the 1920s. The Fowler-Lenoir Farm, one of the county's most significant Century Farms (located ten miles north of Madisonville) only switched to specialized cattle breeding after 1919.

Interestingly, the adoption of progressive farming by these two Century Farms (Brookside and Fowler-Lenoir) coincided with the development of the Agricultural Extension Service, established at the University of Tennessee after congressional passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 and the Smith-Hughes Act in 1917. According to historian Peter Daniel in Standing at the Crossroads: Southern Life in the Twentieth Century (1986:74), "both acts had a far-reaching impact on the rural South. The Extension Service taught farmers how to use machinery, select fertilizer, kill pests, and diversify crops. Most of its research went into money crops." Scott's experiments with lime fertilizer and cattle breeding *predated* the federal initiatives. It is little wonder that University of Tennessee professors came to inspect and learn from his farming operations.

The 189 "captain acres" remaining today are what was left of Scott's property after various sales and donations made during the latter part of his life. In 1920, he sold 6,850 acres of mountain land to the U.S. Forest Service. This land was incorporated into what eventually became the Tellico Ranger District. Five years later, 1,200 acres of bottomland was sold to the Stokely Company. Five hundred acres became the Loomis Farm and 175 acres went to the Lee family for a smaller farm.

During his years of agricultural experimentation, Scott utilized nearly all his property as either crop or pasture land. Much of the river bottom land which was eventually sold to Stokely was used to grow corn and hay to feed the cattle as well as the numerous horses and mules used to work the farm. From 1930 until the present owners bought the property in 1972, the 189 acres were utilized as follows: 55 acres were under cultivation (this includes 32 acres of bottom land), 64 acres were devoted to upland pasture, and the remaining 70 acres was left in timber. Even today, there is a clear distinction between the yard, fields, and timber.

Charles A. Scott was also interested in making Tellico Plains a better place to live and work. Shortly after the town was surveyed in 1899, he donated 31 lots along the railroad tracks which was recorded as "Scott's Addition" on the plat. In 1907, a donation of 53 lots became "Scott's Second Addition". Other donated land was used for cemeteries, a church, and a school. After the town was incorporated in 1911, they petitioned the County Court to allow the construction of a high school in Tellico Plains in lieu of paying their assessment to the County High School. Along with donations from local industries came a check from Charles Scott for \$100.

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Tellico Plains was a booming town with a population of almost 3,000 in 1920. Nearly 700 people were employed by the tanning company, cotton mill, and lumber mills. Residents could boast of having the only high school gymnasium in Monroe County, three hotels, three barber shops, eight general stores, a doctor's office, a dentist, and many other supporting businesses. No doubt many people thought such prosperity would continue well into the future but Charles Scott was not among them. He had noticed that the Babcock Company was shifting the bulk of its operation to the Citico Creek/Slick Rock areas because most of the timber on the Tellico River had been cut. Scott began to concentrate on his farming operations, selling many of the individual farms to the people living on them.

Only five years later, the signs that Scott had noticed became apparent to everyone. If Tellico Plains was to survive, another industry had to be brought in to fill the economic void left by the relocation of the lumber mills. In response to the community's needs, Scott made several trips throughout East Tennessee and North Carolina in search of a company willing to expand or relocate in Tellico Plains.

One of these trips took him to Cocke County where he visited a small family-owned Stokely canning plant in Newport. The company had one plant in Newport and was building another in nearby Sevierville. At first, Stokely was not interested in a Tellico Plains plant but somehow, Scott persuaded representatives to visit the town before making a final decision.

Company officials did visit Tellico and liked what they saw, especially the surplus of labor, also mountain hollows or coves so necessary at that time for the growing of insect-disease-free vegetables, plenty of water, railroad, dirt road outlet to Madisonville and electric power. They agreed to make a favorable report. (Chumney n.d.:4)

Before a final decision could be made, the nearby town of Vonore announced their desire to have the Stokely plant locate in their town instead. They did not have electricity and to offset this deficiency, quickly authorized the building of a railroad spur between Sweetwater and Vonore. This made the Vonore location the lesser expensive one in terms of the capital needed for construction and start-up.

At this point C. A. Scott arose and said, "Gentlemen, it seems the question here is where Stokely can move in and start operations with the least outlay of funds. If this is the case, I will sell the Tellico River bottoms to the Stokely Company. They can build their factory on their own land and can pay me whatever they feel justified, and I will take the remainder in Company shares." (Chumney n.d.:4)

Stokely immediately chose to locate their new plant in Tellico Plains on the broad river bottom directly south of the Scott Mansion and issued Scott 1,520 shares of preferred stock. Even though he received compensation for his land, Scott always seemed to have the health and well-being of the community as his primary concern. In addition to these contributions to the agricultural and economic development of Tellico Plains, Charles A. Scott did much to further the quality of education there. As stated earlier, as a young man, he contributed \$100 to a fund to build a high school. He had often said that everything he owned was earned in the Fourth and Fifth Districts of Monroe County, and that after his death, it would be returned. When his will was probated in 1931, a year after his death, it was discovered that he was, even in death, a man of his word. Specific amounts were bequeathed to his wife, Mayme Sue Lee, relatives, and church with the remainder going to the schools of the Fourth and Fifth Districts.

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The final payment from Scott's estate was paid to the School Board in 1935 along with 1,520 shares of Stokely Brothers stock which alone, was worth \$38,000. Scott's generosity allowed all the schools built in these two districts between 1935 and 1944 to be constructed without any Monroe County tax money. These were: the consolidated Payne-Station School, the consolidated Center School, Sink, Beaty's Chapel, Brownhill, the Tellico Agricultural Building and the Tellico Elementary-High School constructed in 1938. At 460 feet, it was the longest school building in Tennessee. Regrettably, the school did not bear Scott's name, although the auditorium was later named for him. In July, 1944, eighty dollars of Scott's money remained in the School Board building fund. Perhaps the following words spoken at the dedication of this school to some extent, reveal the impact that this one man made on so many lives:

"This building was made possible by the will of C.A. Scott of this place, whose death was the cause of wide-spread and sincere sorrow in Monroe County, for here he had contributed richly to the life of the County and its people and had earned a place of esteem and affection. Mr. Scott was interested in the advancement of education and was especially concerned about the future educational progress of the people in the mountain section of the County. May all of us who share these benefits be reminded that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude, and endeavor to show our appreciation by working in harmony toward the betterment of our school in the future." (Chumney n.d.:5)

In addition to being associated with a person significant in the broad development of Tellico Plains between 1908 and 1930, Scott Mansion is also significant in and of itself under Criterion C as a rare example of unaltered Neo-Classical Revival architecture in Monroe County. Architectural blueprints in the possession of the current owners show the architect to have been C. L. Waters. This is thought to be the same person listed in the thesis manuscript Architects in Tennessee until 1930: A Dictionary, by Herndon. According to Herndon, Waters came to Knoxville in 1900 from Atlanta. Lewis Chalfont Waters was a partner in the firm Waters and Tarwater. During the twenty-two years he practiced in Knoxville, Waters designed many Knox County schools, supervised the Emporium and designed the W. T. Turner home on Cumberland Avenue. He died in 1941 at the age of 75.

Charles and Mayme Sue had no children but their house on the hill was always full of relatives. Miss Mayme's youngest sister, Jennie, used to ride her pony across the bottomlands and Morgan Creek to visit. When the Lee family home was destroyed by fire, Charles and Mayme took in the entire Lee family and Mayme's parents stayed there until their deaths. In addition to his wife's family, Charles had his sister, her husband and their daughter, Goldie Denton, moved in as well to help take care of the cattle. Although her parents moved out later, Goldie stayed until she left to attend college in Athens. While there, she met and married the man who founded the Mayfield Dairy, still a regionally well-known enterprise. Mrs. Mayfield is now 95 and lives on the old Mayfield farm outside of Athens, Tennessee.

Miss Jennie and Miss Mayme were responsible for all the landscaping that was done on the property, particularly the trees, shrubs, and 150 foot flower bed on the west side of the house. After Charles died, Miss Jennie and Miss Mayme were the only people living in the house. Miss Mayme died in 1971 and left the property to Miss Jennie. She sold the property a year later to the present owners, James and Chris Hall. Miss Jennie, a retired schoolteacher, is now 99 and presently living with relatives.

Scott Mansion exhibits many stylistic elements of the Neo-Classical Revival style in the symmetry of the facade, broad overhanging eaves, roof-line balustrade, and fluted Corinthian columns. It is unusual to find a high-style building such as this outside major transportation hubs and even rarer that it has been relatively unaltered and beautifully maintained since its construction eighty-four years ago.

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Significant dates for the Scott Mansion are 1908-1930, the period of its construction and the years during which it was home to Charles Abner Scott. His unselfish contributions to the agricultural, economic, and educational development of Tellico Plains directly influenced countless lives for nearly half a century.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The verbal boundary description of the nominated property is as follows:

SITUATED in the old Fourth (new Third) Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee, one mile from Tellico Plains on public road and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING in the Third Township, Third Range, East of the Meridian, Hiwassie District, BEGINNING at a corner with the lands of Stokeley Brothers and Tom Crowe on the West line of Section 16, said beginning point being 13 poles North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 16 and running North with the Section Line 147 rods to the center line of Section 16; thence with said center line of Section 16 North 89° 30' East 51.7 poles; thence North 5° West 56.9 poles; thence North 70° East 102.7 poles; thence South 25° East 45.8 poles; thence South 11° 30' East 109.6 poles; thence North 77° East 29.3 poles to the center of the branch; thence with the meanders of said branch the following courses and distances; S. 44° W. 4 poles; S. 49° W. 12.1 poles; S. 44° W. 11.8 poles; S. 33° 30' W. 12.1 poles; S. 56° W. 4 poles; S. 65° W. 72.7 poles; S. 70° 30' W. 28.7 poles; S. 78° 30' 42.4 poles; S. 70° 30' W. 45.8 poles; thence N. 80° W. 6 poles to the beginning corner, containing 189 acres, more or less, to which land Mamie Lee Scott, the same person as Maymie Scott, holds title under the will of C.A. Scott probated in the County Court of Monroe County, Tennessee, August 1, 1930, Minute Book J. page 319, copied in Will Book E, page 216.

BEING the same property inherited by Jennie Lee in the Last Will and Testament of Maymie Scott, said Last Will and Testament probated in the Probate Court for Monroe County, Tennessee, on September 21, 1971, in Will Book L, pages 147-152 in the Probate Office for Monroe County, Tennessee.

The tax map for this nomination has the scale 1" = 400'. This scale tax map is prepared by the Tennessee State Board of Equalization for rural areas. In the past, the Tennessee Historical Commission has used this scale map for nominations and had found that the 1" = 400' adequately meets our office needs. The Tennessee Historical Commission does not have the facilities to prepare maps to the scale preferred by the National Park Service. To supplement this map, the nomination includes a detailed verbal boundary description.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The 189 acres included within the boundaries of this nomination contain all the remaining acreage of the original Charles A. Scott farm which remained with the property after his death in 1930. This is the same acreage which was deeded to James and Chris Hall, the present owners, upon their purchase of the property in 1972. Although only a portion of the original farm, the land included within the boundaries is sufficient to protect the architectural and historical significance of the farm.

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Scott Mansion
Name of Property

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Scott Mansion
Rt. 4, Scott Mansion Road
Tellico Plains, Monroe County, Tennessee
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Facing southwest, view of landscape/setting
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Facing southeast, view of barn, tenant house from upper porch
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Facing east, view of pecan orchard
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Facing northeast, view of pecan orchard
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Facing north, facade and east elevation of house
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Facing northeast, facade and west elevation of house
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Facing southeast, north elevation of house and smokehouse/washhouse
#7 of 17

Facing west, porch detail
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Facing north, detail of cornice, columns
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Interior staircase
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Second floor entry to porch, ceiling medallion
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Fireplace in first floor front parlor
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Facing east, tenant house
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Facing north, buggy barn
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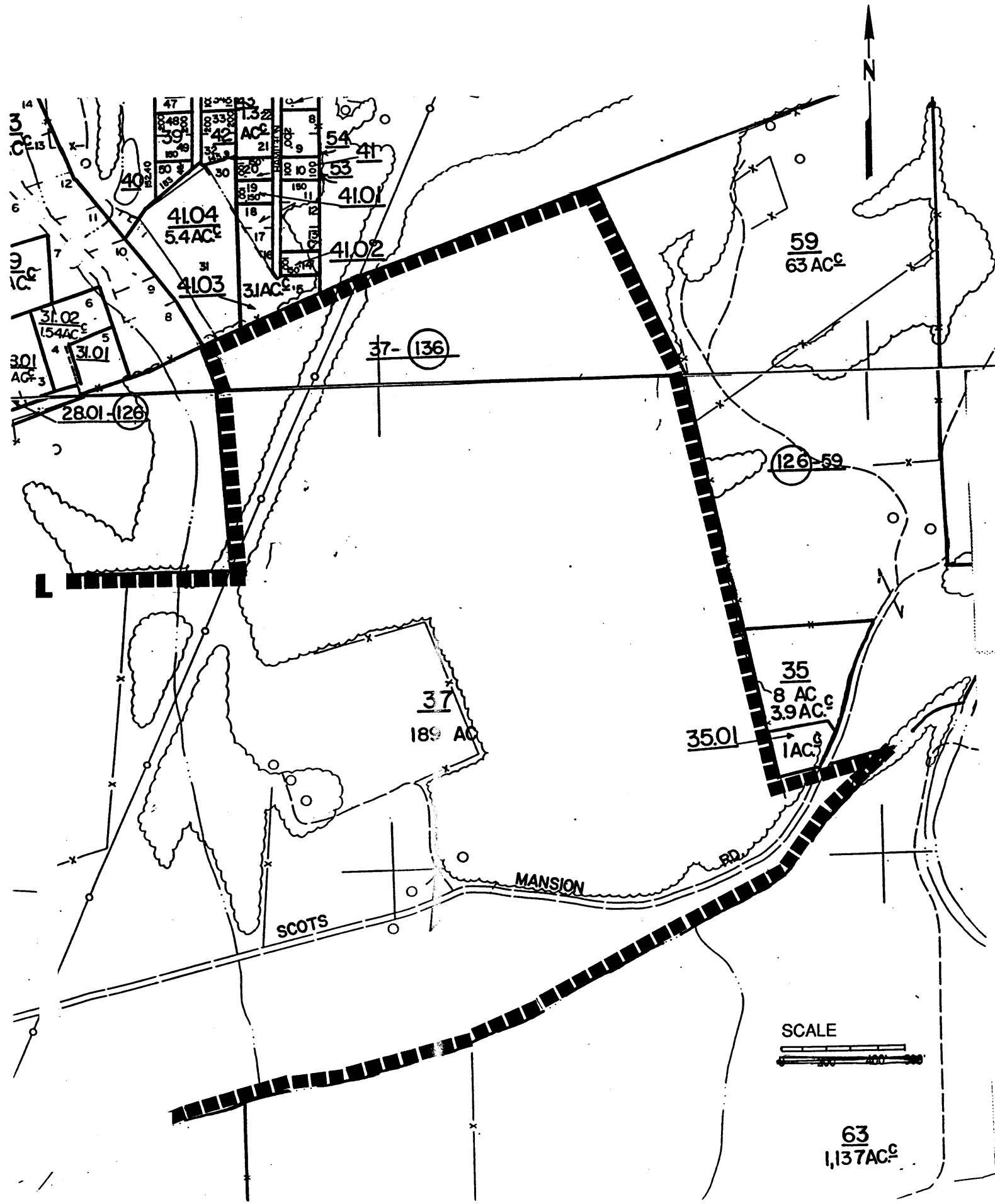
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Facing northeast, facade and west elevation of log cabin
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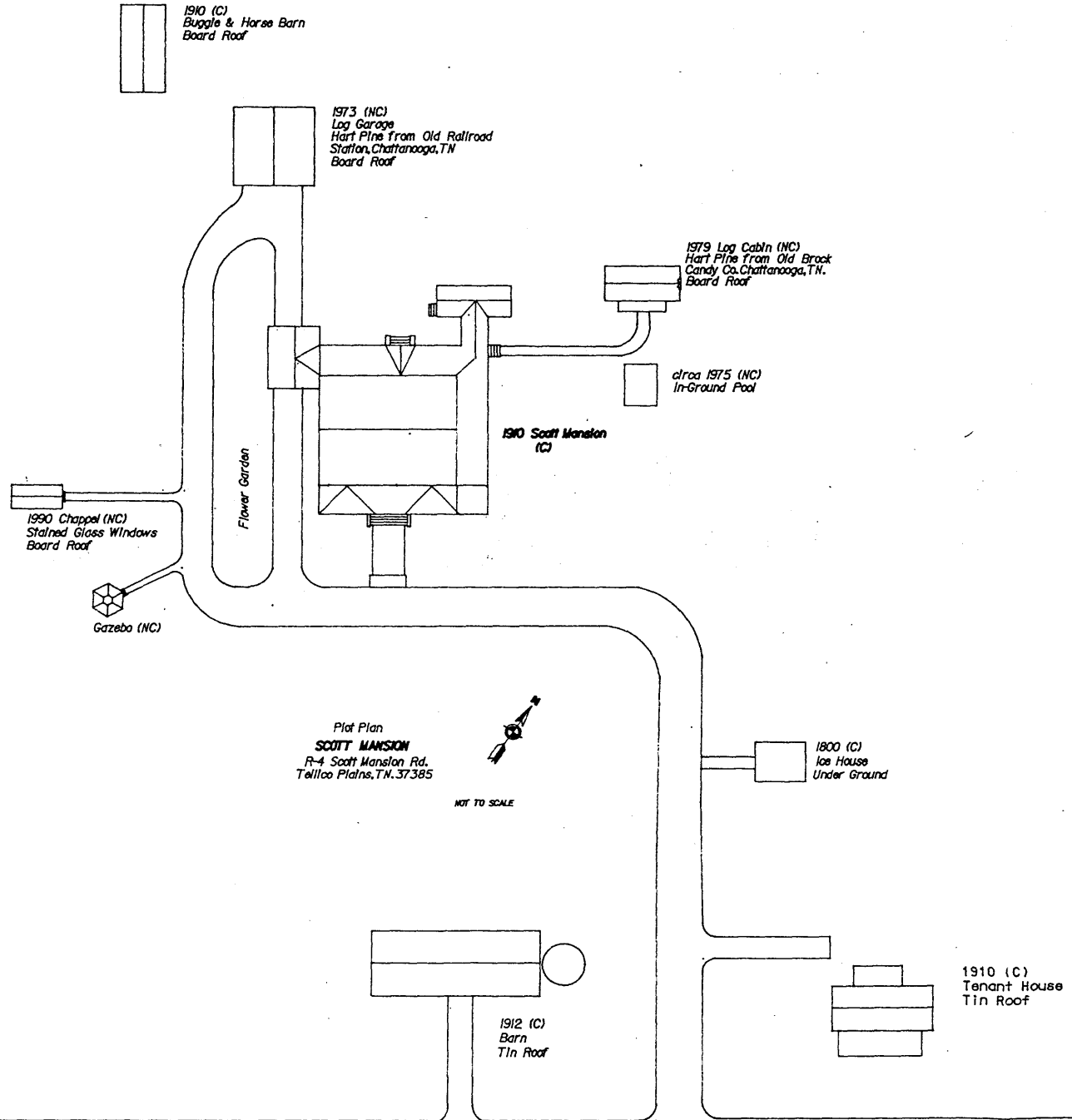
Facing north, south elevation of chapel
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Facing northeast, gazebo
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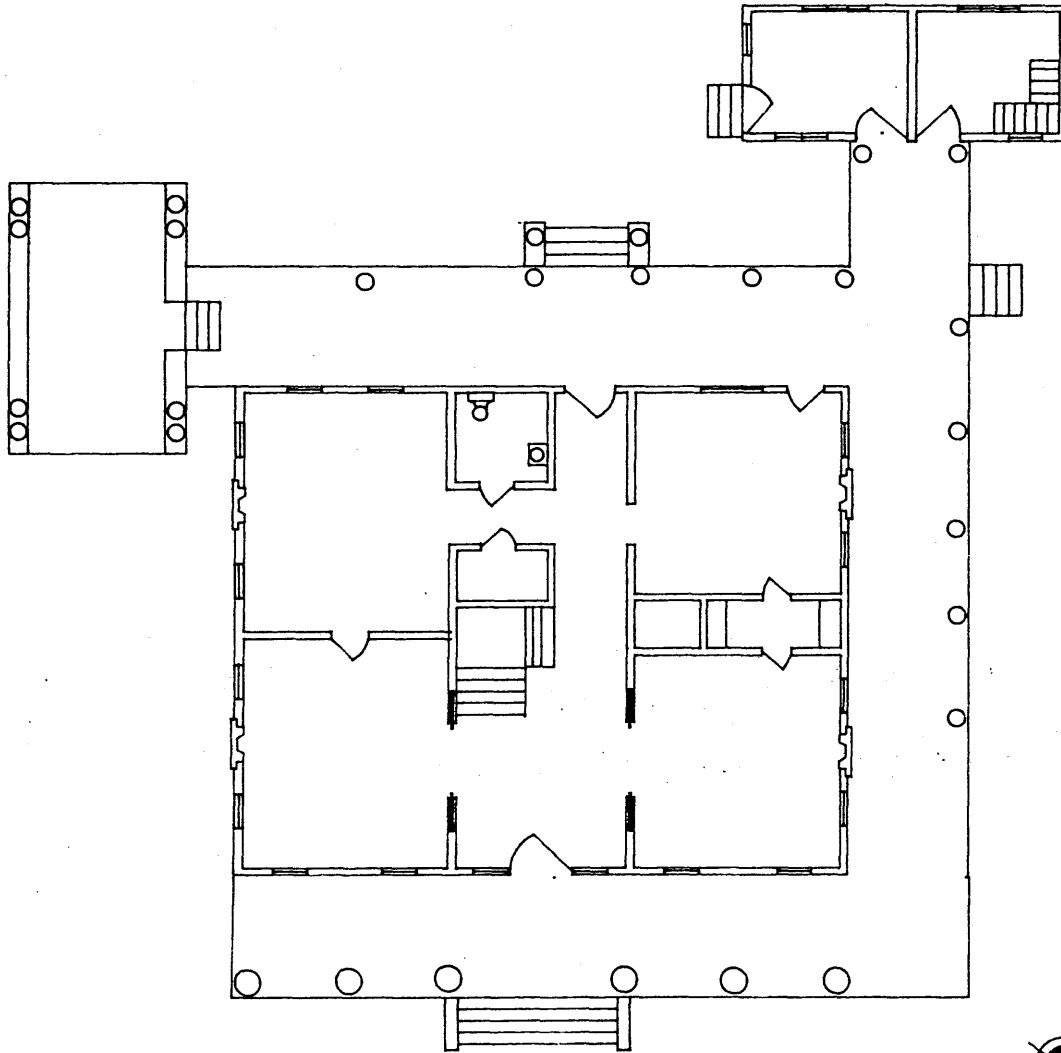
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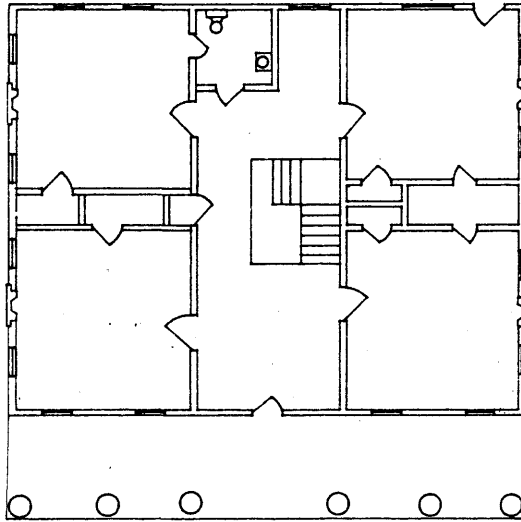
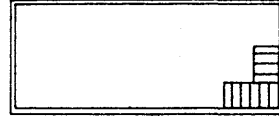


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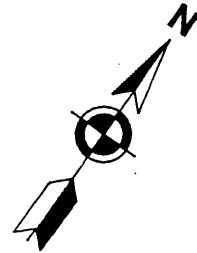


First Floor Plan
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Second Floor Plan
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