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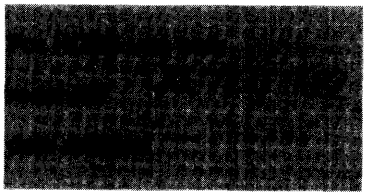
United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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

1. Name

historic ~~The~~ D.B. Anderson and Company Building

and/or common The Segler Building

2. Location

street & number ~~On the east corner of the intersection of East~~ E. Railroad ~~Street~~ and Brayton St~~reet~~s. N/A not for publication

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

state Georgia code 013 county Thomas code 275

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	X work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	N/A in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	X other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Farmers and Merchants Bank of Thomas County
John G. Minter, Vice President

street & number Box 397

city, town Coolidge N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31738

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Thomas County Courthouse

city, town Thomasville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title See continuation Sheet has this property been determined elegible? X yes ___ no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date _____
_X_ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The D.B. Anderson and Company Building, built in 1906, is a two-story concrete block early-twentieth century commercial structure. It is located at one end of a row of early to mid-twentieth century commercial buildings along East Railroad Street in downtown Ochlocknee, Thomas County, Georgia.

The building is constructed almost entirely of load-bearing concrete blocks which are smooth faced and bevel-edged on the front and northwest facades. The blocks are unfinished on the rear and southeast sides. The front facade is symmetrically arranged with two storefront windows flanking a recessed central entrance framed in cast iron on the first floor and four wood sash windows (now boarded over) on the second floor. A line of slightly protruding blocks at the second floor sill level wraps around the front and northwest side. A parapet panel of concrete block on the front is capped by a molded concrete cornice and is stepped downward on the sides toward the rear. At ground floor level on the northwest side are the remains of an open shed-roofed loading dock and, immediately in front of this, a metal shed of recent construction. A single run exterior stairway, once located near the front on this side and now removed, led to a door opening on the second floor. Eight windows, also boarded over, complete the second floor detailing. A metal shed-roof canopy of unknown provenance shades the first floor of the building's facade.

The interior of the building consists essentially of one large room on either floor, each of which has been subdivided to some degree over the past seventy-five years. Historic interior finishes include plank floors, plaster on concrete block walls and beaded tongue-and-groove ceilings. The first floor is divided into front and rear spaces by a wall with flush siding and a baseboard, door and window surround finished with wood graining. Old wooden display shelves line the southeast wall of the front room. In the rear room are the freight elevator leading to the second floor and a partially open two-run stairway. On the northwest wall double doors with a transom lead to the remains of the loading dock. Upstairs, crudely formed offices are located in the front and a balustraded atrium opens to the first floor in the open rear section.

The building is located on the corner of Brayton Street and East Railroad Avenue at the north end of a block of early to mid-twentieth century commercial structures. It has no landscaping. The block faces East Railroad Street and the railroad tracks. Across Brayton Street is the edge of a historic residential area.

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				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
___ 1800–1899	X commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates 1906 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The D. B. Anderson and Company Building, constructed in 1906, is historically significant in the areas of architecture and commerce. In terms of architecture, the building is significant as the largest and possibly the oldest historic commercial building in downtown Ochlocknee. It is a good intact example of a type of early-twentieth century commercial building found throughout Georgia's small town business districts. It is distinguished by its use of smooth-faced, bevel-edged concrete block construction. In terms of commerce, the D.B. Anderson and Company building is significant for housing a succession of general merchandise stores from 1906 until about 1960. These stores were among the largest retail enterprises in Ochlocknee, and they served as the economic anchors to downtown business development. The above areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

Architecturally, the building is the most prominent historic commercial structure in the small town of Ochlocknee. Its smooth-faced, bevel-edged concrete block construction is of particular interest. Concrete blocks were first introduced in American architecture at the turn of the century, and they were used in fashionable as well as utilitarian architecture for the next two to three decades. The D.B. Anderson and Company Building provides an excellent intact example of their use. The building is a typical small town Georgia commercial structure of the early twentieth century with typical interior space arrangement and utilitarian finish details such as tongue-and-groove ceilings and plank floors. The existence of the hand-run freight elevator, the unusual balustraded atrium and the intact storefront with its cast iron framing add greatly to the building's significance.

The D.B. Anderson and Company Building housed a succession of general merchandise stores in Ochlocknee from 1906 until about 1960. Its size (it is the only two story commercial structure in the town) reflects the importance of these enterprises that served as the anchor to downtown business development. The location of this building and the other commercial structures, facing the railroad tracks, reflects the small town's direct tie to the railroad. Founded in 1860, shortly after the railroad first arrived in the area, Ochlocknee slowly grew to serve as a trading center for surrounding cotton farmers and later became a sawmill outlet. It was incorporated in 1877, but the earliest extant commercial structures date from the early twentieth century. D.B. Anderson and his partner, who built the structure, ran a general merchandise store here from 1906 to 1912, when it was sold to the Mutual Trading Company, which from 1912 to 1918 dealt in a wide variety of merchandise from dry goods to buggies. In 1928 H.F. Segler was deeded the building, and his family opened "The 5¢ and 10¢ Store" which operated until about 1960. Beginning in the late 1920's part of the second floor was used to house a telephone exchange.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Minter, John G. "Historic Property INformation Form: D.B. Anderson Store Building, Ochlocknee, Georgia." June, 1981. On file at Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.1 acre

Quadrangle name Ochlocknee, Georgia **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	781380	3430360	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property outlined with a heavy black line on the enclosed tax map comprises the historic city lot upon which this building has always stood. It also coincides with the current legal description of the property.

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

state N/A	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Brooks, National Register Researcher

organization Historic Preservation Section Georgia Department of Natural Resources **date** June 25, 1982

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

city or town Atlanta **state** Georgia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state _x_ 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** 7/14/82

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

Deborah Byers — Entered in the National Register — **date** 8/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: **date**

Chief of Registration

GPO 938 835

Determination of Eligibility

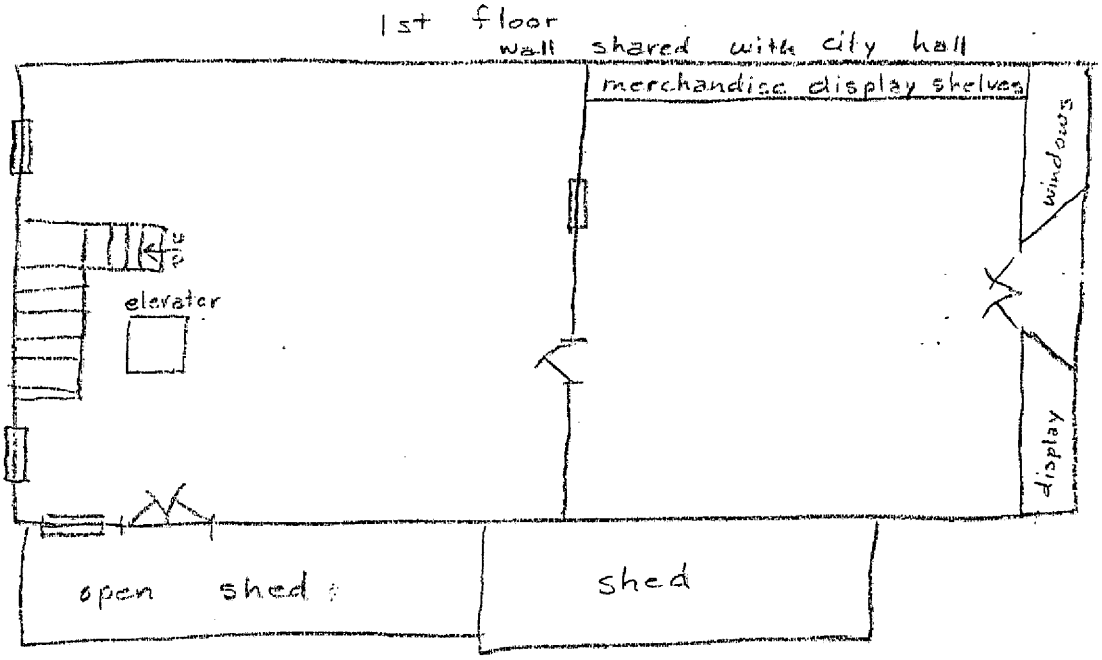
This property was determined eligible by the National Register on August 18, 1981 at the request of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Determination of Eligibility was made under the name "The Segler Building".

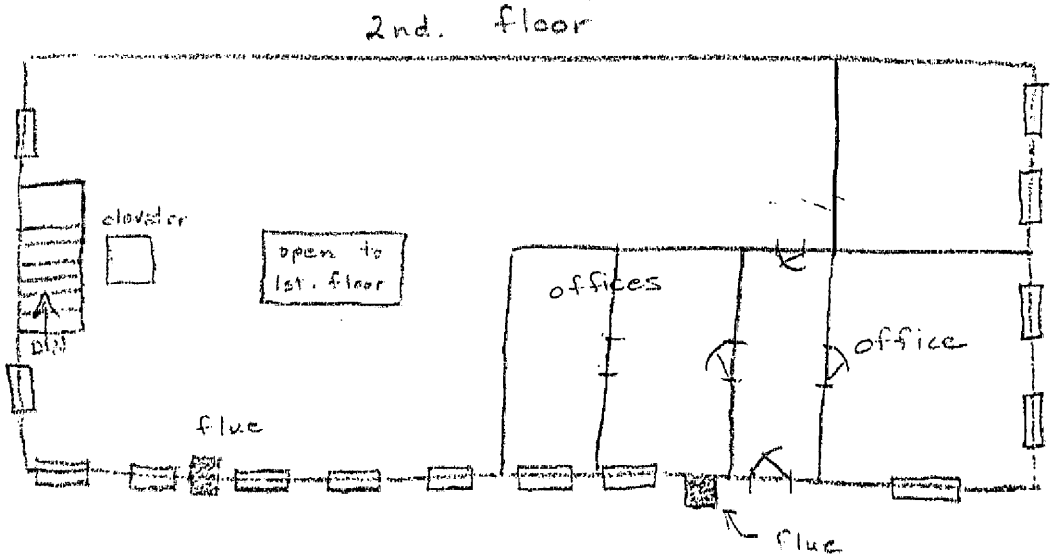
Certification of Significance

On April 27, 1982, the Preservation Services Division of the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office issued a preliminary certification of significance for this structure.

D.B. Anderson Store Bld. - Ochlocknee, GA

Basic Floor Plan



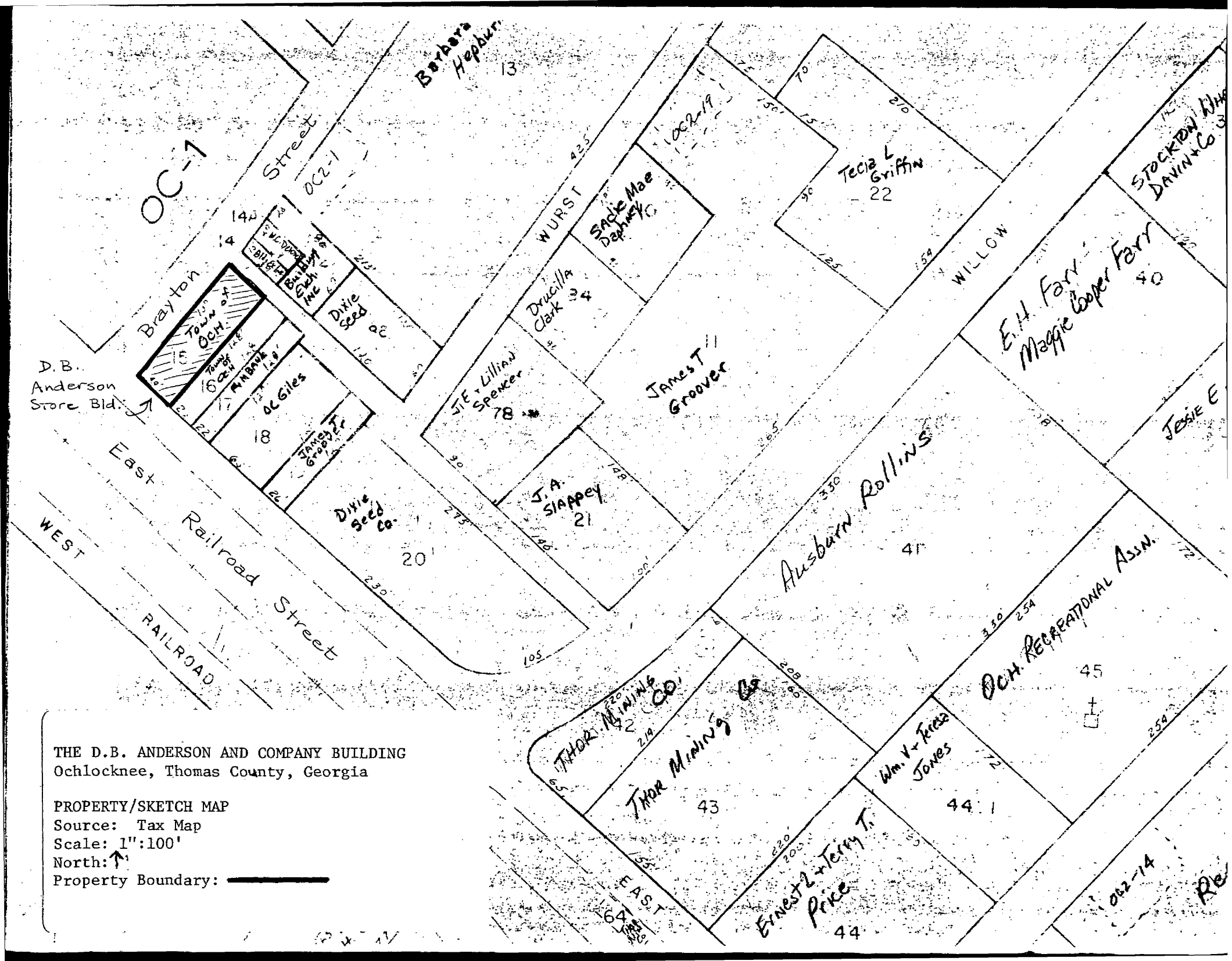


THE D.B ANDERSON AND COMPANY BUILDING
Ochlocknee, Thomas County, Georgia

FLOOR PLANS/FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS

Scale: Not to scale

North: ↙



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PROPERTY/SKETCH MAP
Source: Tax Map
Scale: 1":100'
North: ↑
Property Boundary: ———