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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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  
T. R. R. Cobb House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
194 Prince Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Athens  
STATE Georgia  
VICINITY OF 10 - Robert G. Stephens, Jr.  
COUNTY Clarke  
CODE 13  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
CODE 059

**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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> 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  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
STREET & NUMBER  
194 Prince Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Athens  
STATE Georgia  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Clarke County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Athens  
STATE Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
HABS  
DATE  
1936-7  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Library of Congress  
CITY, TOWN Washington  
STATE D.C.  
 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The T.R.R. Cobb House is a 19th century remnant in an increasingly commercial area of Athens. The Cobb House is basically a two story white frame house with a later, but major addition of two projecting octagonal wings on either side of the house connected by a two story portico with two Greek Doric columns. From the front, it is a five bay structure set four hundred feet back from Prince Avenue.

On the interior apparently the house was originally a four over four room, central hall design; but with its many uses over the years, the first floor has been considerably altered, e.g., walls have been moved and there have been side and rear additions. There are evidences of Neo-classical alterations as seen in the upstairs mantels and the Corinthian columns and curved staircase downstairs. The floors are generally covered with either linoleum or carpet, but there are few original details still found in the wainscoting and the exposed flooring.

On the exterior, the wings have an extended facade which surrounds five of the eight sides at the top, a flat metal roof, and floor length windows of six over twelve on the first floor and six over six on the second. There is a balcony which extends the width of the entire porch with three entrances to the house. There are also three entrances from the lower porch which is made of marble. In the trabeated doorway, the transom and side lights are beveled glass. The window treatment becomes more elaborate from the back to the front. Overall, the house is in general need of repair.

# 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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prince Avenue during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was the residential address for many elite Athenians. Constant and rapid commercialism has destroyed or disfigures many examples and only a few areas of original structures remain. One of these is the T. R. R. Cobb House whose owners and architecture is significant in local and state history.

The T. R. R. Cobb House is thought to have been built by Charles H. McKinley although no records have been located to indicate the time McKinley bought the land or built the house. In 1842 Joseph Henry Lumpkin bought it from McKinley through a sheriff's sale. Oral tradition relates the theory that Lumpkin gave this property to his daughter Marion and his son-in-law T. R. R. Cobb; but again there is no documented transaction. According to Cobb's papers, 1852, was the year that the wings and portico were added. These wings are unique in Athens because of their octagonal shape and the corner angles in which they are attached to the main house. Orson S. Fowler's A Home For All inspired the octagon style which flourished in the 1840's and 50's. These wings, being built in 1852 closely follow this revived use of the octagon.

When Cobb lived here he was an extremely important local and state figure. He was reporter of the state Supreme Court from 1849-57, founder of the Lucy Cobb Institute in 1858 and co-founder with Joseph Lumpkin and William H. Hull of the school of law at the University. He was also one of the commissioners who prepared the Code of Georgia in 1860. He authored the Constitution of the Confederate States and codified the common law. He was Brigadier General of the Confederate States of America and was killed at Fredericksburg in 1862. The house has since been occupied by A. M. Dobbs, the Col. R. S. Taylor family, and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. The Cobb House is now owned by St. Joseph's Catholic Church and used as a parish house and rectory. Plans are now being made for the restoration of the Cobb House.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 2 acres *OK H/F*

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen A. Day, Intern (Elizabeth Macgregor, consulting Architectural Historian)  
 ORGANIZATION DATE

Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources March 25, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

270 Washington Street, S.W., Room 703-C

404-656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Atlanta,

Georgia 30334

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

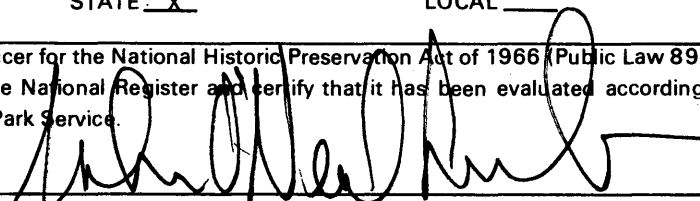
NATIONAL

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 National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE



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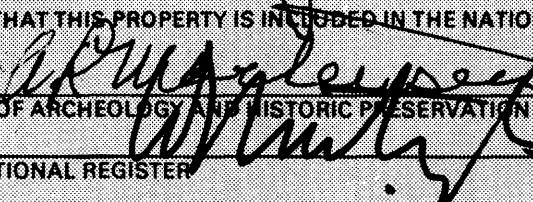
JACKSON O'NEAL LAMB  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

6-6-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

6/30/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

6.30.75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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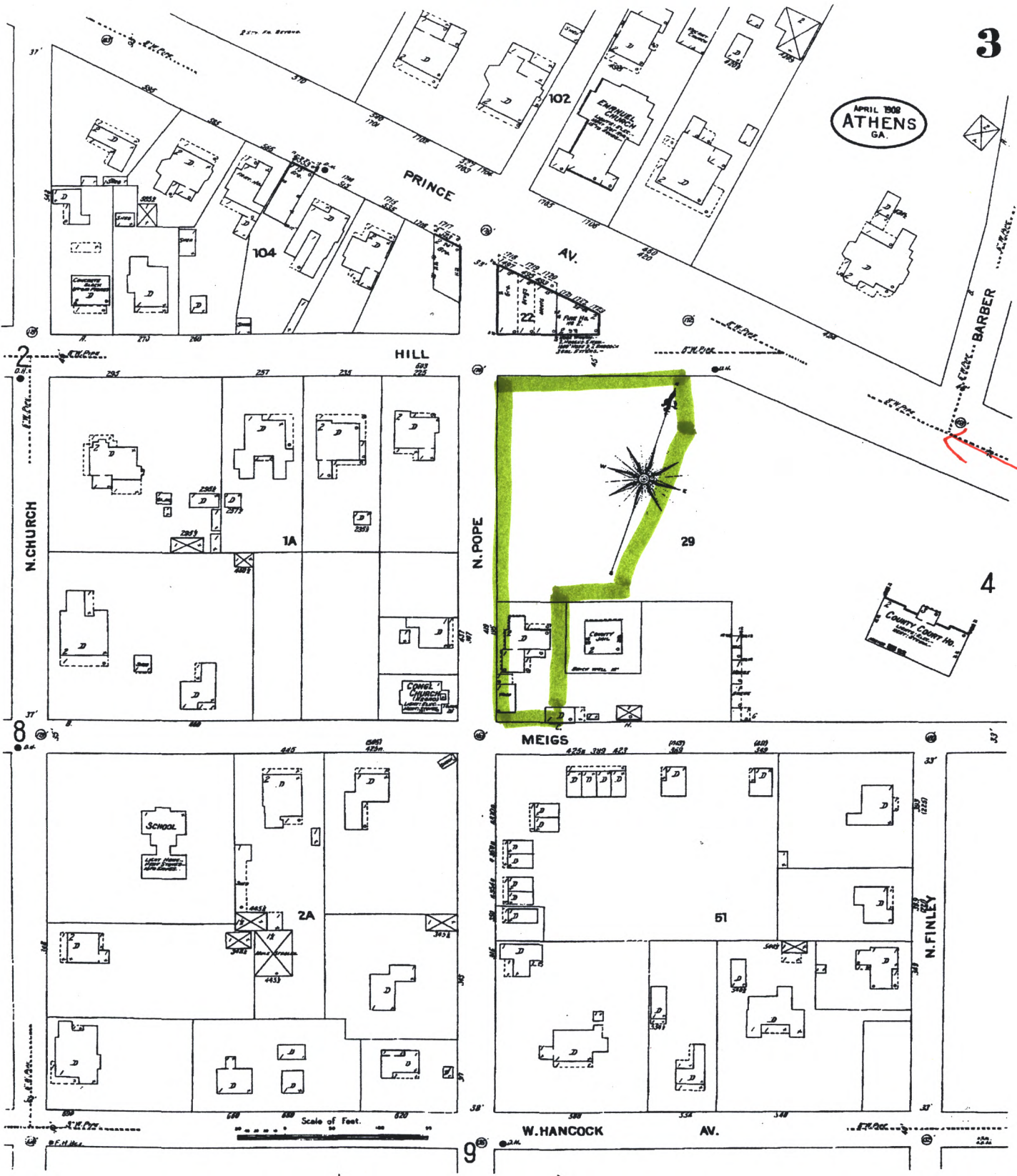
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# PROPOSED SITE 1908 SANBORN MAP



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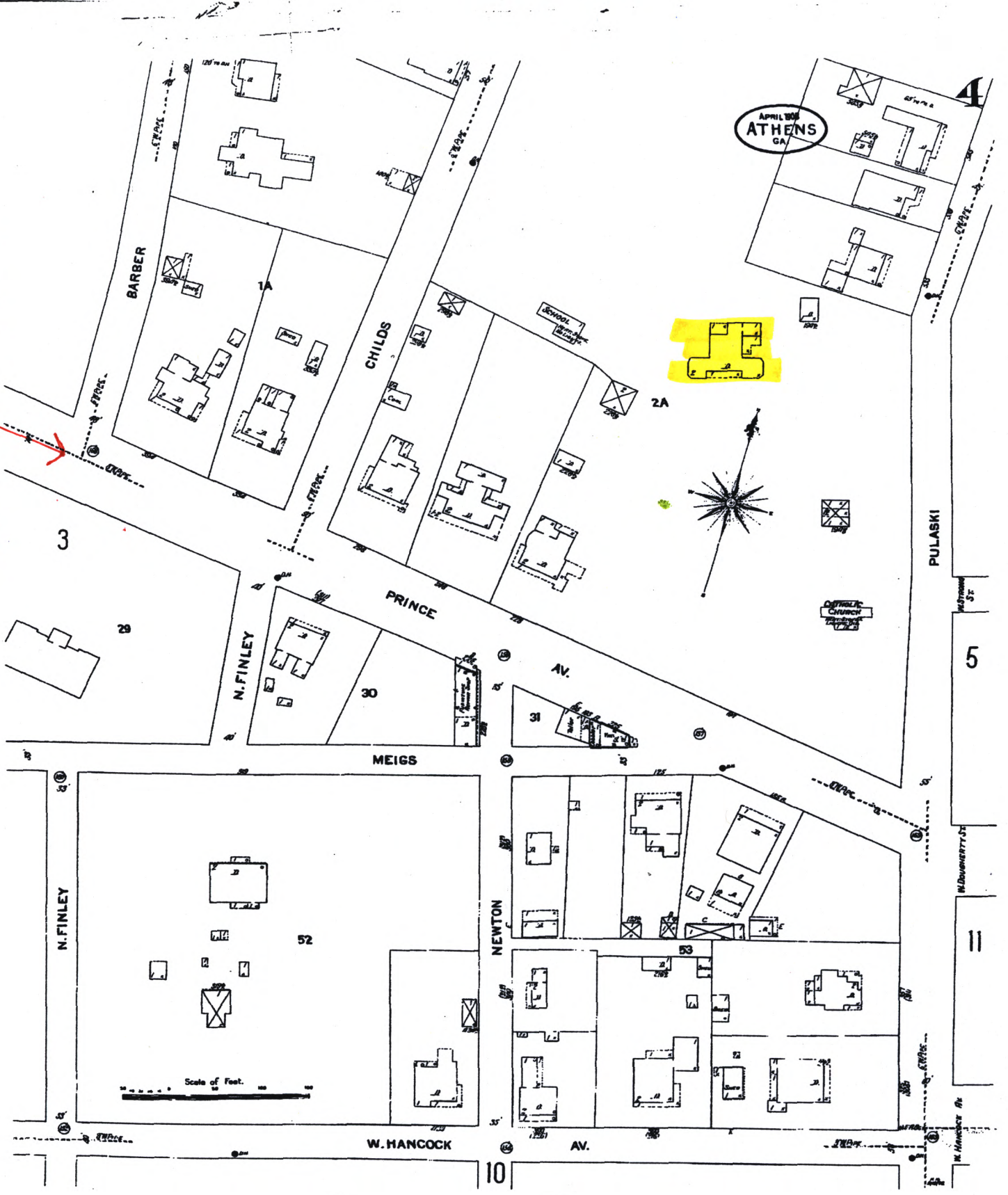
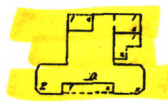
MAY 1908  
UNDER

Scale of Feet.

FORMER SITE

MATCH  
LINE

APRIL 1858  
ATHENS  
GA



Scale of Feet.

N. FINLEY

BARBER

CHILDS

PRINCE

N. FINLEY

MEIGS

W. HANCOCK

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PROPOSED SITE

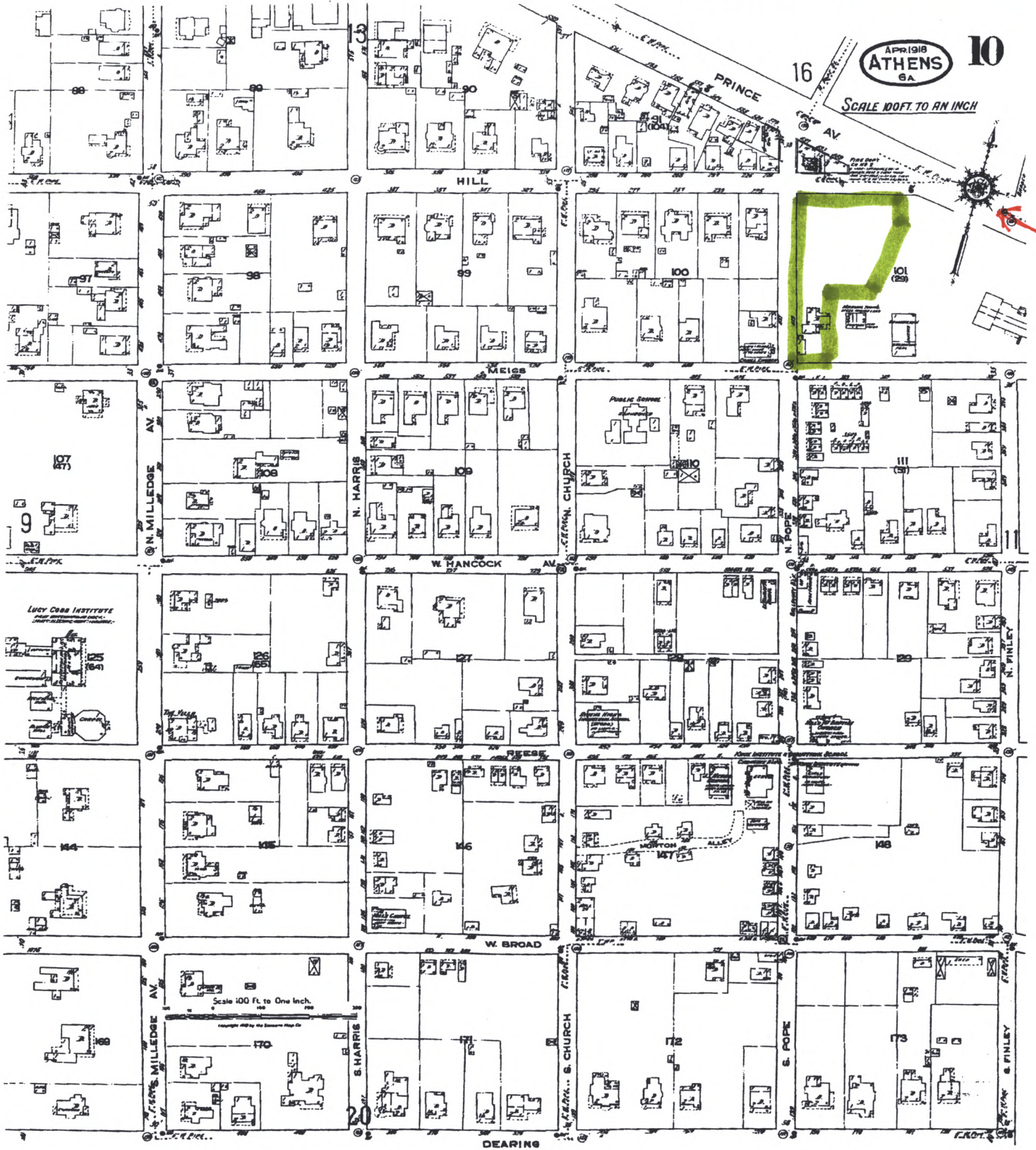
1913 SANBORO MAP

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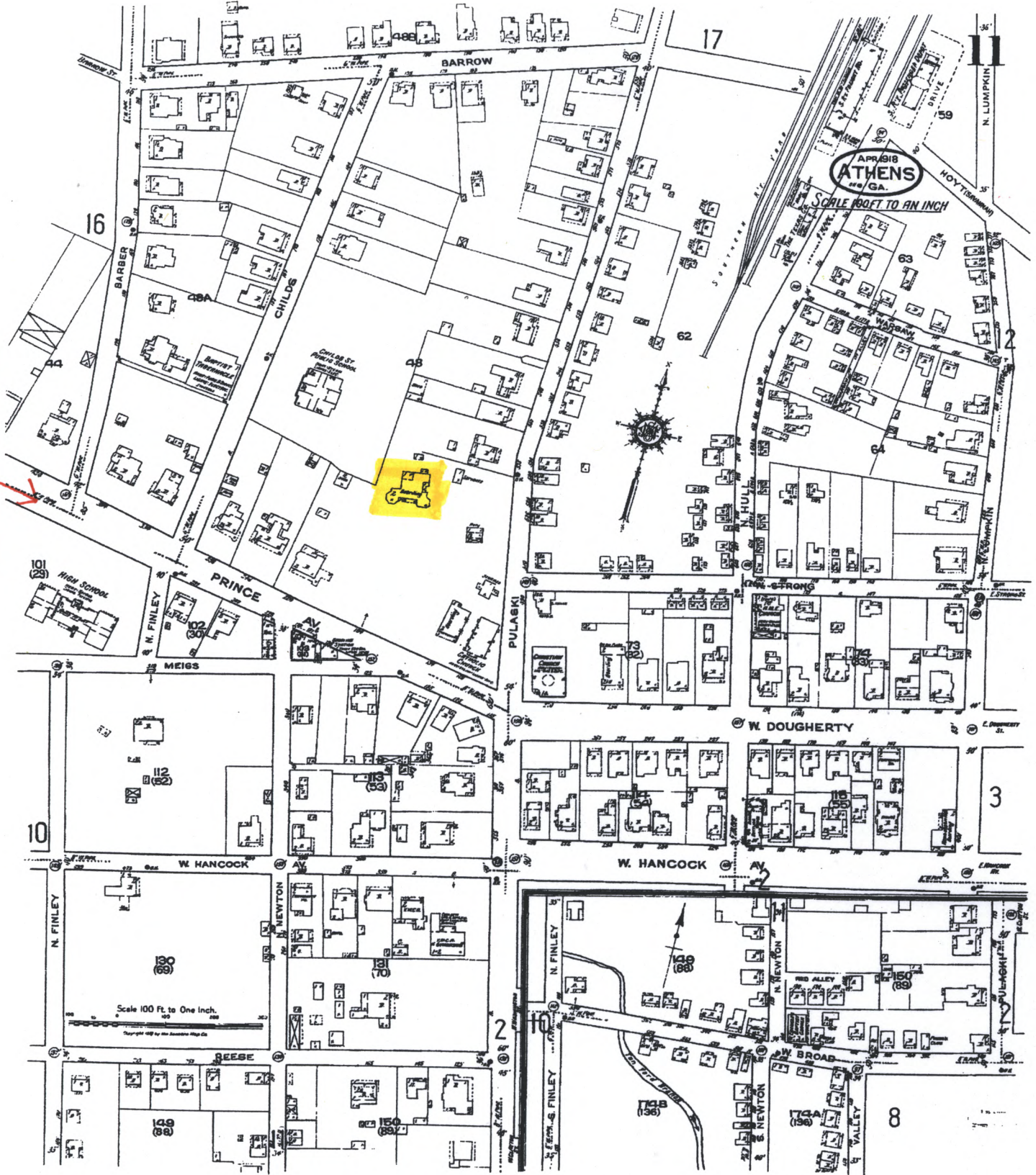


PROPOSED SITE  
1918 SANBORN MAP



FORMER SITE

MATCH LINE



PROPOSED SITE

1926 SANBORN MAP

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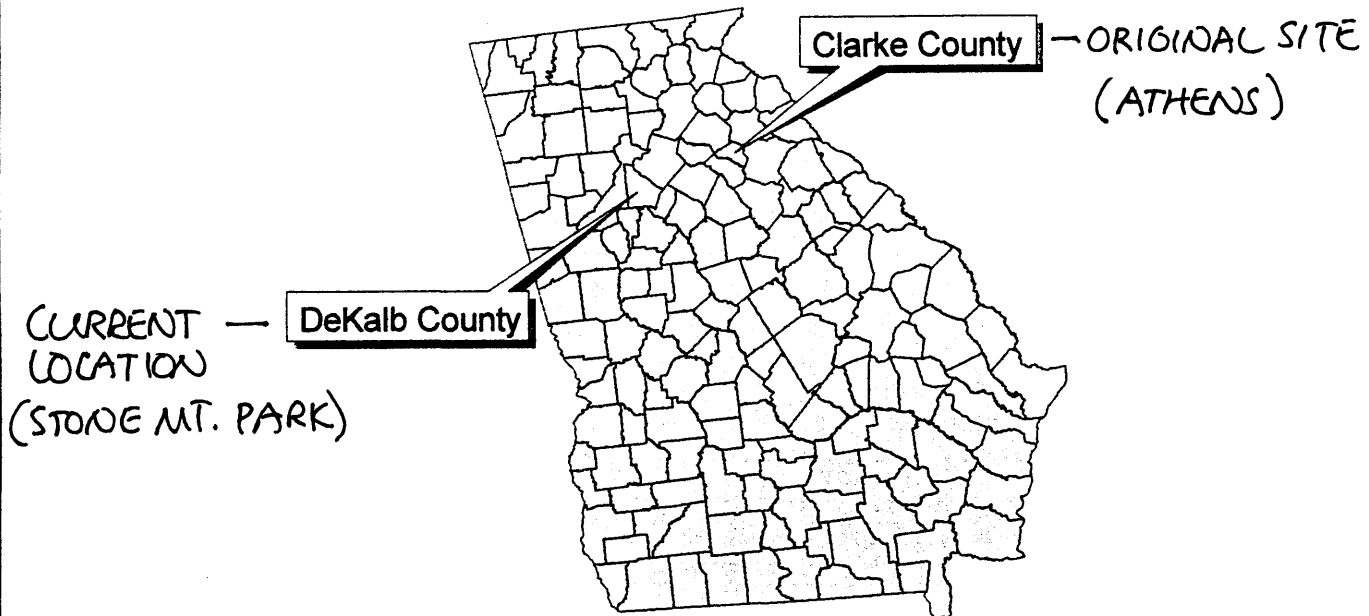
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ATHENS  
GA.

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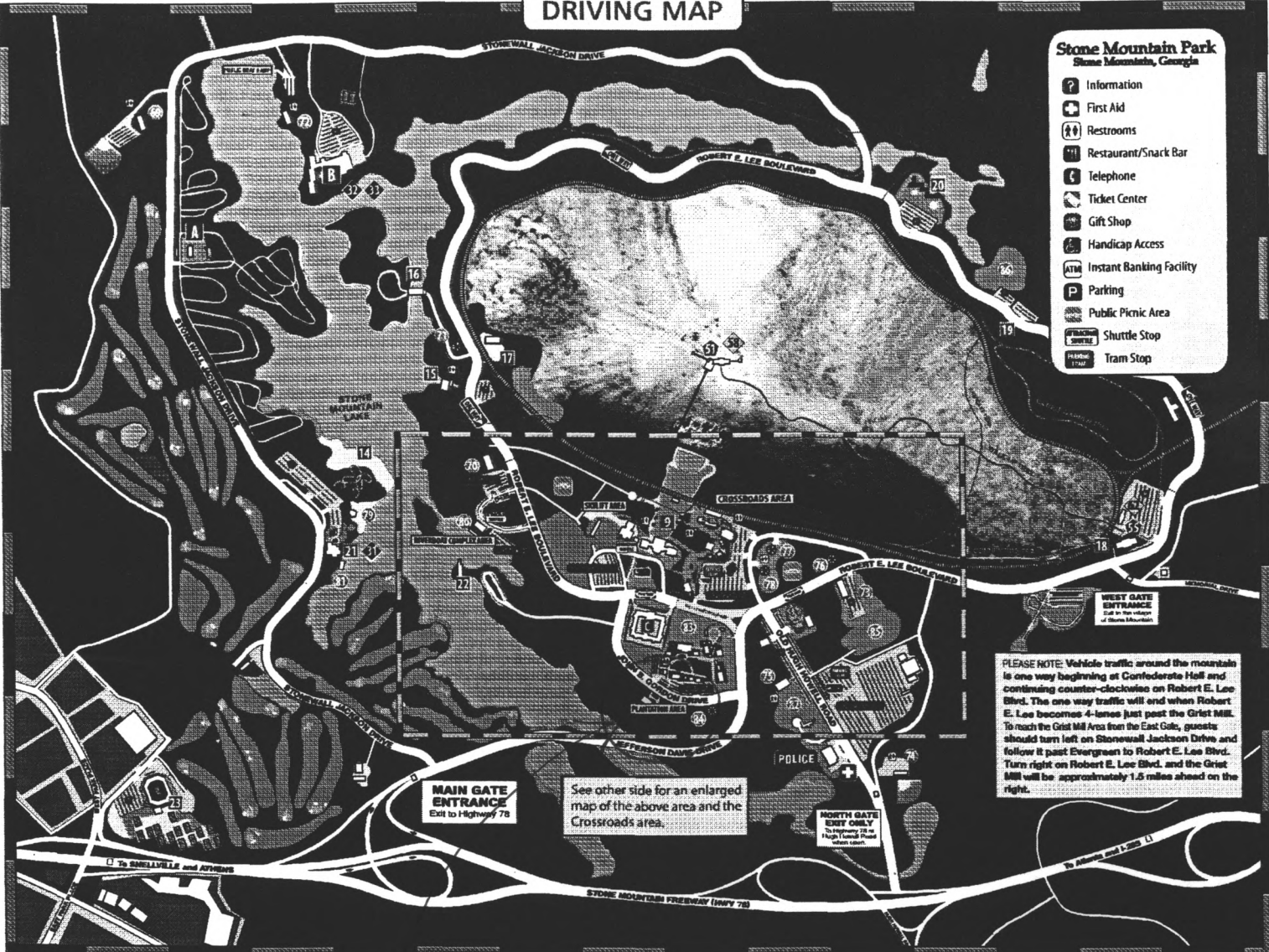
T.R.R. Cobb House



# DRIVING MAP

## Stone Mountain Park Stone Mountain, Georgia

- Information
- First Aid
- Restrooms
- Restaurant/Snack Bar
- Telephone
- Ticket Center
- Gift Shop
- Handicap Access
- Instant Banking Facility
- Parking
- Public Picnic Area
- Shuttle Stop
- Tram Stop



PLEASE NOTE: Vehicle traffic around the mountain is one way beginning at Confederate Hall and continuing counter-clockwise on Robert E. Lee Blvd. The one way traffic will end when Robert E. Lee becomes 4-lanes just past the Grist Mill. To reach the Grist Mill Area from the East Gate, guests should turn left on Stonewall Jackson Drive and follow it past Evergreen to Robert E. Lee Blvd. Turn right on Robert E. Lee Blvd. and the Grist Mill will be approximately 1.5 miles ahead on the right.

### ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

- 14 Beach & Waterslide Complex** Spend a relaxing day on our beautiful white-sand beach. Our waterslides are fun for the entire family. Lake is closed to swimming.
- 15 Grist Mill** This century-old mill was moved to the Park in 1965 and is a great place for picnics.
- 16 Covered Bridge** Take a stroll across the 100-year old bridge located near the Grist Mill.
- 17 Quarry Exhibit** This outdoor display brings to life the history of the granite industry at Stone Mountain.
- 18 War in Georgia & Walk-Up Trail at Confederate Hall** Confederate Hall houses "The War in Georgia," a diorama of the Civil War in Georgia, and is the starting point for the nationally recognized 1.3 mile trail to the mountain top.
- 19 Hiking/Nature Trails** Experience the serenity of Stone Mountain Park on one of our scenic trails. These trails cover approximately 10 miles of beautiful land.
- 20 Playground** The top-notch playground located near the Nature Trail is sure to provide hours of fun for the kids.

- 21 Golf Course** Managed by Marriott Golf, the Stone Mountain Golf Club offers 34 championship holes, practice facilities, club fitting, PGA instruction and an award-winning pro shop. Golf course hours: 7:00 a.m. to dusk.
- 22 Carillon** Enjoy daily concerts from our 732-bell Carillon, originally exhibited at the 1964 World's Fair.
- 23 Lincoln Tennis Center at Stone Mountain Site** of 1996 Centennial Olympic Tennis, the center is located off Highway 78 at the West Park Place exit. Clinic and lessons available. For more information or reservations, call 770-465-3340.

### RESTAURANTS

- 31 The Commons Restaurant** at the Golf Clubhouse serves steaks, seafood and specialty sandwiches with a lakeshore view of our Lakemont course. For more information, call 770-465-3260.
- 32 Waterside Restaurant** at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort offers elegant dining featuring continental cuisine and fabulous daily buffets. For information, call 770-465-3240.
- 33 Starbucks Café** also at Evergreen features espresso, cappuccino and frozen beverages as well as fresh pastries and sandwiches. Open daily 6AM - 9PM. For information, call 770-465-3209.

### SHOPS

- Top of the Mountain Gifts** Stone Mountain Park souvenirs, candy, film and sundries.
- Confederate Hall Gifts** Stone Mountain Park souvenirs, toys, hiking accessories and Civil War gifts as well as embroidered and printed t-shirts.

### CONCESSIONS

- 58 Summit Snacks** Quench your thirst on the mountain top with a variety of Coca-Cola products or an ICEE.
- 62 The Whistlestop** This scheduled train stop features foot-long hot dogs, sausages on a bun, cheese nachos, popcorn and cold beverages.

### RENTAL AREAS

To reserve a facility or plan a catered event, please call 770-468-5700.

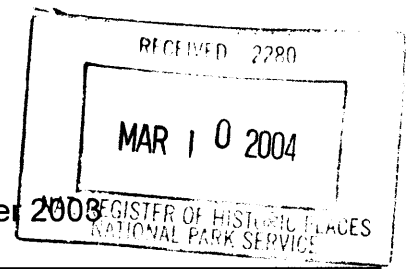
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| <b>69 Hilltop Pavilion</b>     | <b>79 Lakeside Beach Pavilion</b>               |
| <b>70 Woodland Pavilion</b>    | <b>80 Marina Building<sup>1</sup></b>           |
| <b>71 Grist Mill Pavilion</b>  | <b>81 Henry W. Grady Charter Riverboat Dock</b> |
| <b>72 Evergreen Pavilion</b>   | <b>82 Special Events Meadow</b>                 |
| <b>73 Auto Museum Pavilion</b> | <b>83 Plantation Meadow</b>                     |
| <b>74 Sports Pavilion</b>      | <b>84 Virginia Pavilion</b>                     |
| <b>75 Fireside Pavilion</b>    | <b>85 Youth Area #1*</b>                        |
| <b>76 Triangle Pavilion</b>    | <b>86 Youth Area #2*</b>                        |
| <b>77 Twin Oaks Pavilion</b>   |   |
| <b>78 Railroad Pavilion</b>    |   |
- \*Call 770-468-5710 to reserve these areas.

### LODGING

- A Stone Mountain Family Campground** features over 400 tent and RV sites. Additional amenities include a supply store, swimming pool, volleyball court, playground, and laundry facilities. Rates for camping generally range from \$20 to \$35 and are site specific depending on available utilities and location within the campground.
- B Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort** features 366 guests rooms, the Waterside Restaurant, Stonewall's Sports Bar, health club, tennis and complete conference services. For information and reservations, call 770-879-9900 or visit our website at [www.evergreenresort.com](http://www.evergreenresort.com)
- C Stone Mountain Inn** This classic southern inn includes 92 guests rooms, the Mountainview Restaurant and complete meeting or banquet services. For information and reservations, call 770-469-3311.

CURRENT LOCATION  
AT STONE MT. PARK

T. R. R. Cobb House  
Guide to Photographs  
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1 - 6: Former Site of Cobb House; now Saint Joseph's Church School, 134 Prince Avenue, Athens

7 - 30: Historic and Nonhistoric Buildings along Prince Avenue; several blocks in vicinity of original and proposed sites of the Cobb House.

31 - 39 and 46: Proposed site of the Cobb House on Prince Avenue/Hill Street

40 - 42, 45, 47: Immediate setting of the proposed location for the Cobb House.

TRR COBB  
194 PRINCE AVE  
ATHENS, CLARKE CO  
GA

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No. 50



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TRR COBB HOUSE  
194 HILL ST  
ATHENS, CLARKE CO, GA  
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NO. 52





TRR COBB  
RELOCATION SITE  
STONE MOUNTAIN  
DEKALB CO., GA

No. 71

AUGUST 1985





TRR COBB HOUSE  
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