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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Morgan, John, House

other names/site number The Colonial Cottage

2. Location

street & number 321 Ross Street not for publication N/A
city or town Heflin vicinity N/A
state Alabama code AL county Cleburne code 029 zip code 36264

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official

6-30-93
Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or 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 commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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):

Entered in the
National Register

[Signature] 8/5/93

[Signature]
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH- AND 20TH-CENTURY REVIVALS

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

roof SHINGLE

walls WOOD

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance c. 1880 - c. 1933

Significant Dates c. 1880
c. 1900
c. 1933

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(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 # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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
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Acreage of Property Less than One Acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>16</u>	<u>631050</u>	<u>3723770</u>	3	___	___
2	___	___	___	4	___	___
	___	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.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Melanie Betz/Cultural Resources Coordinator; Pamela Payne (The Colonial Cottage)

organization The Alabama Historical Commission date May 14, 1993

street & number 468 S. Perry Street telephone 205/242-3184

city or town Montgomery state AL zip code 36130-0900

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Additional Documentation
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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)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Pamela P. Payne

street & number 321 Ross Street telephone 205/463-7149

city or town Heflin state AL zip code 36264

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The John Morgan House
Cleburne County, Alabama

Situated on a flat, shady, 100` X 300` lot, the John Morgan House, 321 Ross Street, Heflin, is a large, one-and-a-half story frame residence with 16 rooms. The house, constructed c. 1880, evolved from a two-room, central hall plan and was later expanded c. 1900 and then again c. 1930. The original two rooms are located behind the present front rooms (currently a living room and music room/library).

The house displays much of its original wood siding and rests on a brick foundation. Double-front and side pedimented gables displaying diagonal and fishscale shingles project from a steeply-pitched hip roof. The front porch measures approximately 9` X 42` and extends the length of the front facade. It is supported by four, large square columns. The house has two visible brick chimneys and fenestration with frame surrounds. The interior displays three mantels and pine floors. The wood planks on the floor are 3-1/4" and 5-1/4" in width. The ceiling height is 12` to 10`.

Around the turn-of-the-century, a wraparound porch was added but later removed on the sides in 1933. A "modern" cement-lined toilet (now removed) was erected southeast of the house in the mid-1920`s leaving the older privy (-now removed-) behind the chicken yard for the domestic help. A tennis court was also erected in the front yard around the turn-of-the-century. Today, an outline of the court is still visible. By 1933, interior plumbing had been added along with other extensive improvements. On the second floor, a new room was added at the southeast corner (the "Ivy Room"). A modern kitchen sink was added, and furnaces were installed in the 1950s, although open fireplaces continued to be used.

The current owner plans to restore the house using federal tax incentives. The building is currently used as an antique and collectibles shop.

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CRITERION C:

As one of the oldest surviving residences in the town of Heflin, the John Morgan House, home of the first mayor, is significant as a good and intact representative of a typical late 19th century Victorian residence. Originally constructed around 1880 with a central hall flanked by two rooms, the house was expanded c. 1900 with additional rooms, an upper floor and a wraparound porch (later removed on the sides). (1) The house took on the appearance of the popular late-19th century, multi-gable "Victorian Cottage." These cottages had many variations including single-, double- and triple- gable fronts, rectangular, L-plan, and T-plan. Many of these residences had large, front porches supported by slender columns. While some displayed more classical elements such as Ionic volutes and pedimented gables, others were adorned with Eastlake trim. The Morgan House originally had a large, wraparound porch but the side porches were removed in 1933. Today, the house has still retained much of its original c. 1900 integrity including its double-front and side gables projecting from a steeply-pitched hip roof, much of its original siding, fenestration with original frame surrounds, and many interior features including paneling, pine floors and mantels.

Historical Summary:

John Francis Morgan and Louisa Perryman Morgan were married on December 1, 1880, in Randolph County. (2) Soon after their marriage, they moved to Cleburne County (-which had been established in 1866 from territory taken from Calhoun, Randolph, and Talladega Counties-) to settle on land given to John Morgan for his service in the Mexican War. (3) The Morgans became some of the earliest residents of the community of Heflin, which in 1882 had only one store, a post office, and a population of under 100. (4) With the completion of the Georgia Pacific Railroad from Atlanta in 1886, Heflin became a center of cotton trade and business activity for Cleburne County. The Alabama Legislature (Act #35) officially incorporated the thriving community on December 19, 1892. (5) John Morgan was elected the first mayor of Heflin in January 1893. In 1906, the county seat was moved to Heflin from Edwardsville. (6) The early economy of Heflin was supported by the cotton crop, but a thriving huckleberry business also emerged during the late teens and early 20th century. Today, the community has over 4000 people and continues to serve as the retail hub for Cleburne County.

Around 1880, John and Louisa Morgan built a small, two-room, frame house with a central hall. Over the years, the Morgans had 12 children (-two died in infancy-) so they decided to expand and remodel their modest house around 1900. The house eventually boasted 16 rooms (-including the room added c. 1933-) and took on the appearance of the popular late-19th century, multi-gable "Victorian Cottage." These cottages had many variations including single-, double- and triple- gable fronts, rectangular, L-plan, and T-plan. Many of these residences had large, front porches supported by slender columns. While some displayed more classical elements such as Ionic volutes and pedimented gables, others were adorned with Eastlake trim. The Morgan House originally had a large, wraparound porch but the side porches were removed in 1933. Today, the house has retained much of its original c. 1900 integrity.

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Not only did John Morgan achieve prominence as one of the founding fathers and first mayor of Heflin, several of the Morgans` children also went on to become important citizens. Francis Perryman Morgan (1883-1941), was appointed by President Roosevelt to head the Southeastern Region of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Esther Elizabeth Morgan (1884-1964) was the first music teacher in Cleburne County. She taught music lessons in the library/music room of the Morgan House. Robert Jephtha Morgan (1888-1917) was a merchant. Henry Grady Morgan was a salesman and businessman. John Ralph Morgan, M.D. (1892-1972) became the chief surgeon of the Birmingham Hospital and a pioneer in heart surgery. In semi-retirement, he established a medical clinic in the community of Geneva. Roberta Morgan (1893-1978) became prominent in the field of public welfare. Among her many accomplishments, she was the first administrator of the Heflin Hospital. The Roberta Morgan Foundation, Birmingham, was established in her name to promote careers in public welfare. Neal Morgan (1896-1968) was an owner of an insurance agency who, like his father, became mayor of Heflin. Neil`s wife, Lucile (1902-1986) established the first library in Cleburne County. Today, the library bears her name. Neal and Lucile resided in the Morgan House for over 40 years. Finally, Albert Carrol (1899-1964) was an army officer during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, and commandant of the first WAAC training center. (7)

The house remained in the Morgan family until the 1960s. After the Bennett Family purchased the house, Pamela Payne bought the building (early 1980s) and converted it into an antique and collectibles shop.

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Information from H.G. Morgan, Jr., Grandson of John Francis Morgan, Alexandria Virginia, 1992.

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Information from H. G. Morgan, Jr.

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Alabama Cleburne County, Volume 1. The Stewart University Press, Center, Alabama, 1982,
Page 75.

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The Cleburne News, December 25, 1986, Heflin Centennial Committee.

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Alabama Cleburne County, Volume 1, Page 85.

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Alabama Cleburne County, Volume 1, Page 76.

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Information from H.G. Morgan, Jr.

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Alabama Cleburne County, Volumes 1 and 2. The Stewart University Press, Centre, Alabama, 1982.

The Cleburne News. December 25, 1986.

Information from Mr. Henry Morgan, Family Historian, Alexandria, Virginia, 1992.

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Verbal Boundary Description: The property is contained within the legal description:

BEG AT NE COR SE1/4 TH: S 358` (S); S 60` (S); E 358` (S); N 58` (S)
TO POB DB 112 Pg 2; DB 156 PGS 305-308; DB 156 PG 312 FICHE 132-C FRAME 2-3
This parcel located in Section 9; Township 16; Range 10.

Boundary Justification: The legal description was used to delineate the boundaries of the property.

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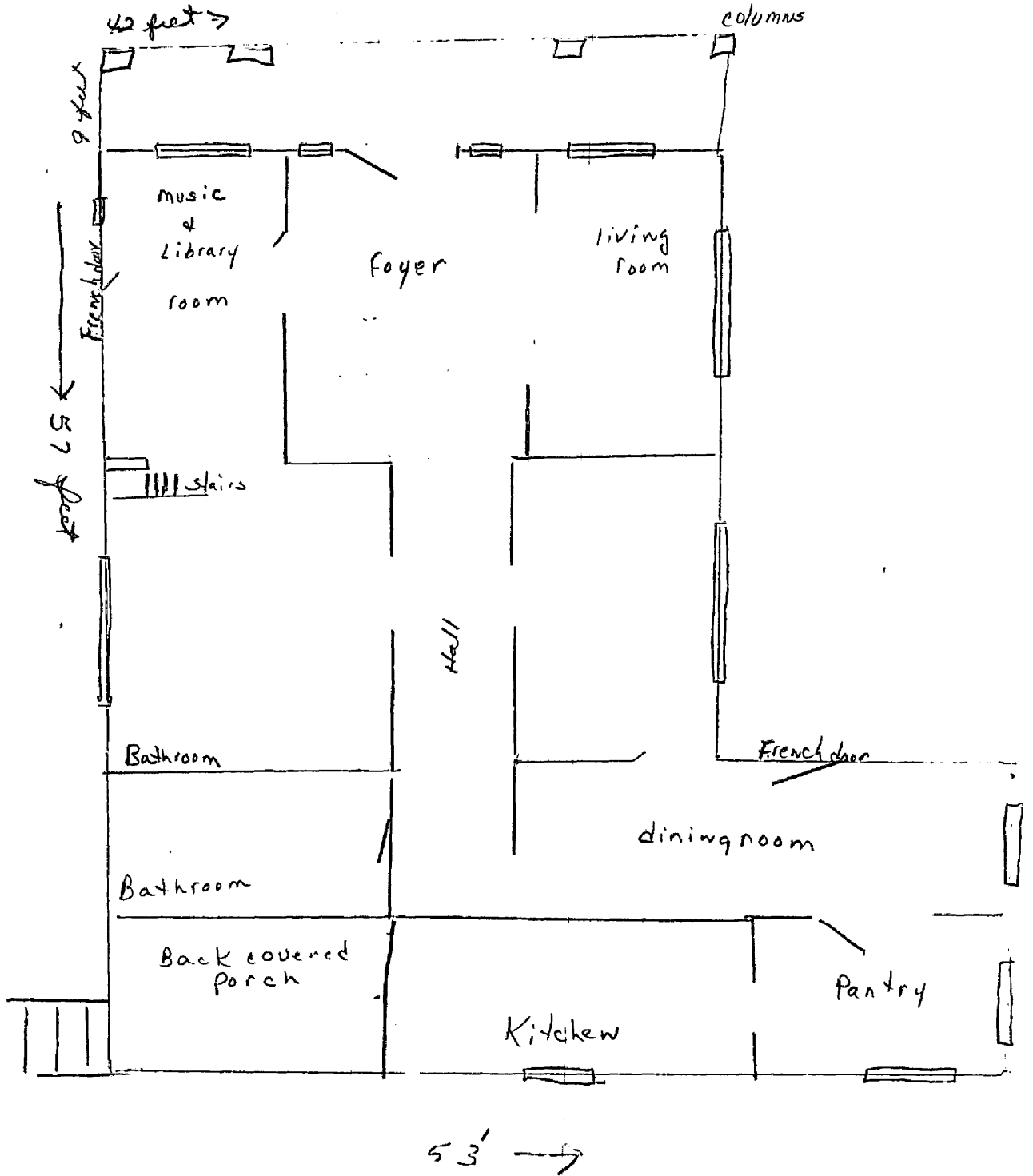
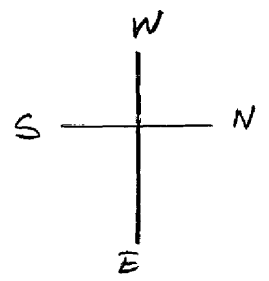
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Name: John Morgan House (Colonial Cottage)
Address: 321 Ross St., Heflin (Cleburne County)
Photographer: Sandra Pullen and Pamela Payne
Negatives: Alabama Historical Commission
Date: December 1992

- Photo 1: Front (west) facades, looking east
Photo 2: Rear (east) facades, looking west
Photo 3: Side and front facades, looking southeast
Photo 4: Side and front facade, looking northeast
Photo 5: Interior, mantel, music room/library
Photo 6: Interior, mantel, old section of house
Photo 7: Interior, mantel, living room
Photo 8: Interior, hall
Photo 9: Interior, stairs
Photo 10: Interior, upper level room

First Floor

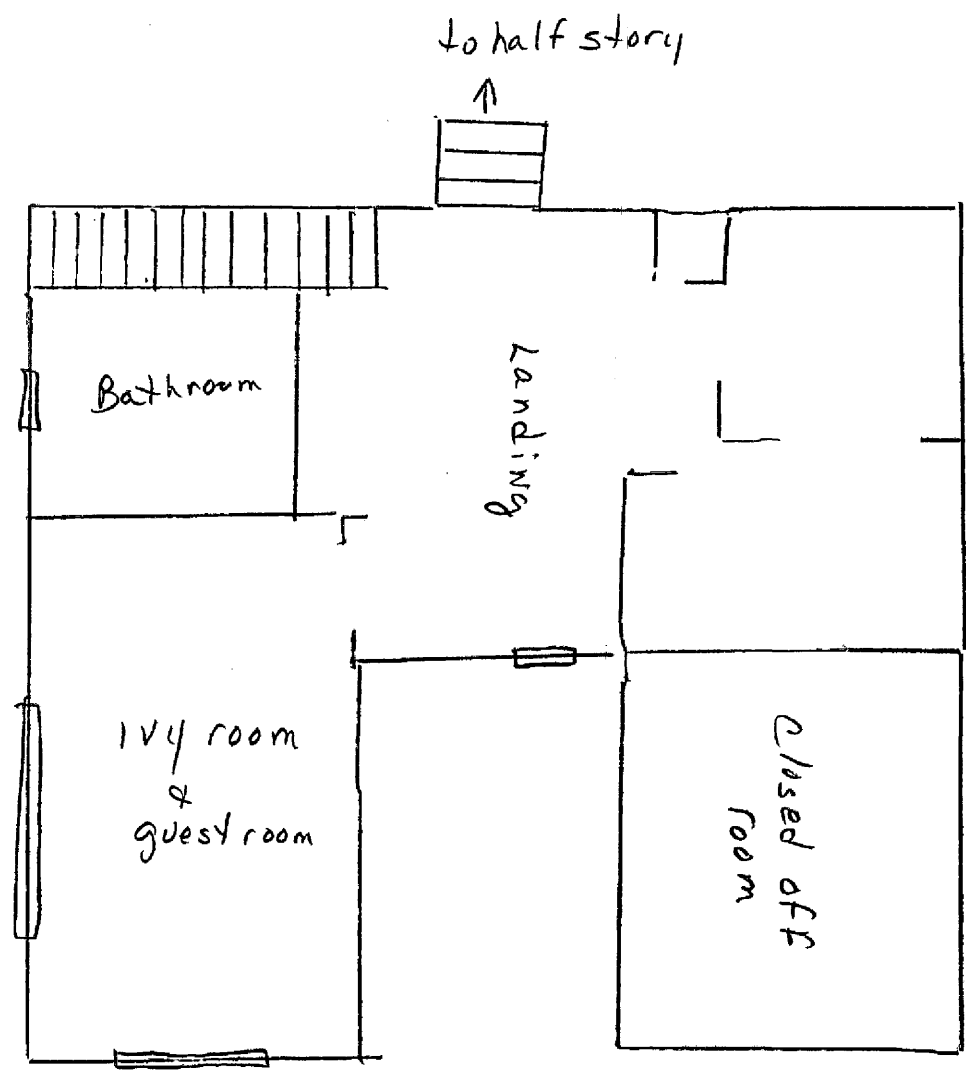
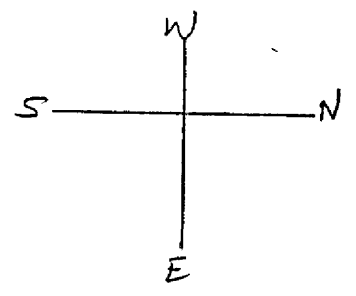
porch - 9' by 42'
Floor - 57' x 42'



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2nd Floor

42' x 42'



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