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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mable, Robert, House and Cemetery  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 5239 Floyd Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Mableton N/A vicinity  
state Georgia code GA county Cobb code GA067 zip code 30059

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>3</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> structures (well/well-
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		<u>      </u> objects house)
			<u>      </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. N/A See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth A. Lyon 7/7/88  
Signature of certifying official Elizabeth A. Lyon Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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:)

Amy Schlagel 9/1/88  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwellingFUNERARY/cemeteryDEFENSE/military facility

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/schoolOTHER: office space

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Centuryother: Plantation Plain

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stuccowalls wood/weatherboardroof asbestosother wooden porches

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Robert Mable House and Cemetery consists of a sixteen-acre tract of land which includes a two-story antebellum house, two separate outbuildings--a one-story smokehouse and one-story kitchen--and a family cemetery. A large wooded area is adjacent to these structures. The property is located in Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia. The small northwest Georgia town is named in honor of Robert Mable (1803-1885) who was one of the largest landholders in southern Cobb County. In 1851, the Mable plantation included 400 acres of land.

The main house was constructed by Robert Mable in 1843, in the Plantation Plain style of architecture. Plantation Plain is also known as the "I-house", a design commonly found in national folk architecture. Similar to the one-story, hall and parlor plan, the two-story, frame I-house is designed as two rooms wide and one room deep with a central hallway.

The Mable House reflects a similar design layout. Clapboard covers the exterior of the frame house. Other features include a central, pedimented front porch, and double entrance doors with transom and sidelights. The interior features original doors, painted wooden walls, and some wainscoting on both floors. The front and back doors feature large wooden cross bolts that were used as door locks. The house has four exterior end chimneys and fireplaces with simple pilastered mantels in each room. The first floor has four rooms with a wide central hall. The second floor has two smaller rooms and an attic taking up the remainder of the space. The house reflects the use of heart pine timber and wooden pegs for construction.

Changes to the house include the addition of bathrooms, conversion of one room to a kitchen, and the addition of attic space. The four chimneys have been stuccoed and the slate roof has been replaced with asbestos shingles. Art classes are taught in the kitchen which has been remodeled into a studio.

The one-story frame kitchen burned in the past and appears to have been rebuilt on its original site. The one-story, frame smokehouse has a clapboard exterior and a simple, front gabled roof. Both the kitchen and the smokehouse are located about 50 feet behind the main house. A historic well is located 50 feet from the northwest corner of the main house. It is presently covered by a nonhistoric well house. The family cemetery is located 250 feet beyond the buildings in the central area of the property. Clearly marked gravestones of Robert Mable, his two wives, and other family members are located here. Smaller tombstones mark the graves of nine of Mable's slaves. The entire cemetery is

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approximately 80' x 100' and is surrounded by a nonhistoric white picket fence. Beyond this farm complex lies an open field and a large wooded area. Numerous walnut, pecan, and oak trees surround the house, with oak being the most prevalent type. Azaleas are also used to landscape the grounds.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
architecture

Period of Significance  
1843-1885

Significant Dates

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Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Mable, Robert

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Statement of Significance

The Robert Mable House is significant in the area of architecture as a good example of an antebellum farm house found throughout the state but particularly common across the Piedmont areas. The two-story house is of the Plantation Plain or I-house type of architecture and retains much of its original design, having maintained its overall form, proportion and interior arrangement. The walls, ceiling and flooring are made from hand-hewn and rough sawn pine boards joined together by wooden pegs. This workmanship is evident throughout the house. Originally, the pine board paneling was left unpainted. The paneling is now painted white and most of the pine floor is covered by carpet. The entire house retains the original mantels, windows and doors. The locks on both the double front door and the back door are large wooden cross bolts. The house shows the typical use of mortise-and-tenon frame construction. The interior room arrangement remains basically the same, only the function has changed. The four rooms and wide hallway of the first floor now serve as offices, a kitchen and gallery space. The two rooms on the second floor are additional offices and storage. The additions of two bathrooms were incorporated within the existing space thus maintaining the original form of the Mable House.

The Mable farm also reflects a particular pattern in its building layout. Besides the main farm house, smokehouse, and kitchen, a small family cemetery is also part of this farm scene. This relationship represents a pattern common among rural southern plantations. The family cemetery is located behind the antebellum house, enclosed by a white picket fence and includes clearly marked gravestones of Robert Mable and other family members. Family cemeteries of this size are characteristic features of rural farmsteads. They were farm alternatives to churchyard burial grounds in remote areas.

Robert Mable (1803-1885), a native of Scotland, was the owner-builder of Mable House. In 1843, Mable purchased over 400 acres of land in southern Cobb County and established his farmstead. In 1881, he gave the railroad right-of-way through his property and subsequently the railroad stop created

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Glore, L. Harold. History of Mableton, Georgia 30059 a Town in Cobb County USA, Unpublished, 1968.

McLemore, Phil. "Robert Mable House and Cemetery." Historic Property Information Form, 20 December 1985, with additional information. On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

N/A  See continuation sheet

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 16 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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N/A  See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the Mable House and Cemetery is the 16 acres in the southern portion of Cobb County land lot #40-17-2. See the attached Tax/Sketch Map.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries correspond to the current legal boundaries of the property. The nominated property includes all of the acreage that remains associated with the historic house and maintained by the Mable estate.

N/A  See continuation sheet

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near his farm was designated "Mableton" in his honor. According to local history, the town was named Mableton since he was the largest land owner in the area. The town of Mableton developed on land owned by citizens other than Robert Mable. In 1883-1884, Mableton had emerged with a post office, railroad station, Baptist church, school, mill, and a factory.

The Mable property features significant archaeological aspects as a former encampment of federal soldiers during the Civil War. Brigadier General Walter Q. Gresham's troops made camp on Mable's property on July 3, 1864, as part of the movement towards Atlanta. This site was later used as a hospital for troops from both sides. This is one of the few houses to which the often-stated tradition of being a Civil war hospital can be accurately attributed and which remains relatively unchanged from that era. It also has the potential for artifacts from being part of a farming complex for over one hundred and forty years. The historic well site in particular might yield information about 19th-century domestic life. However, we were unable to fully document this information at this time, and no formal archaeology has been done on the property.

National Register Criteria

This property meets National Register Criteria C because of its distinctive characteristics of a rural farm complex. The plantation house is only one element representing the particular type and method of construction used during the early 1800s. The outbuildings, cemetery, well and surrounding field area are all contributing factors to this historic farm setting.

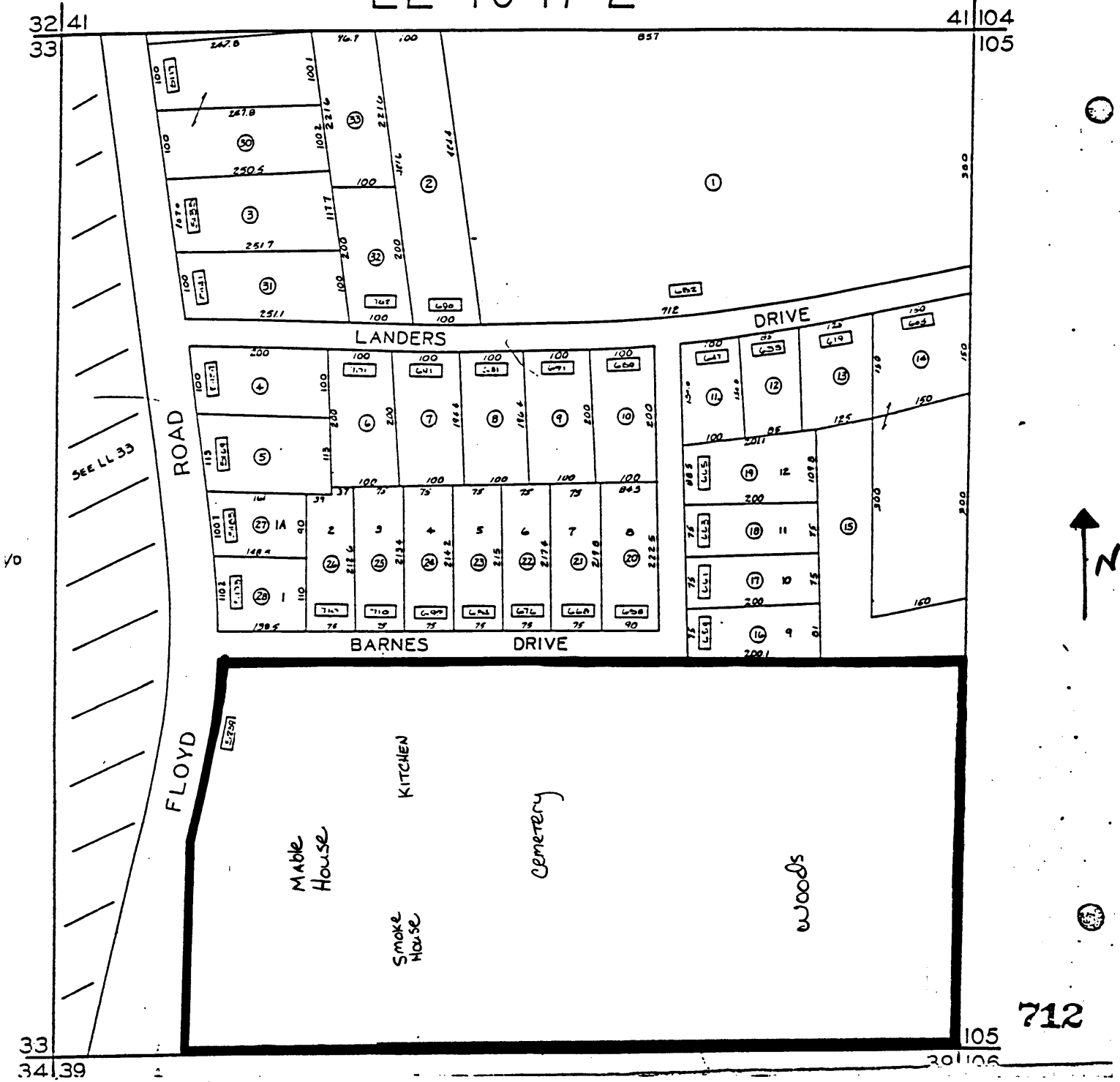
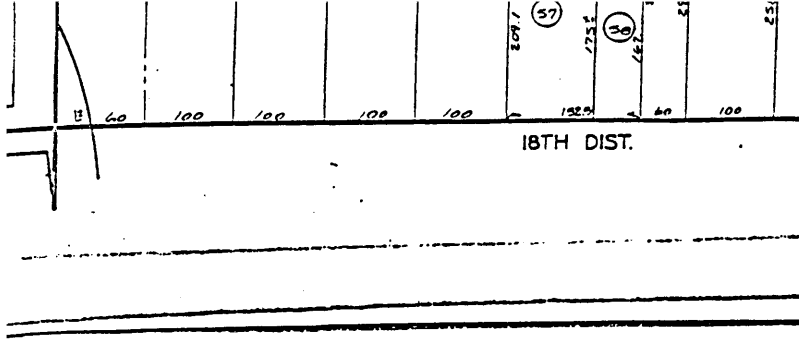
The Mable family cemetery is an integral part of this rural farm and was established soon after the plantation house was built in 1843. Private family cemeteries in remote areas were the alternatives to church yard burials. The cemetery is a typical size, measuring 70' x 100' and has been well maintained over the years. Robert Mable, owner and builder of the plantation is buried there, along with family members and Mable's nine slaves.

Tax/Sketch Map  
ROBERT MABLE HOUSE AND CEMETERY  
Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia

Scale: 1" = 200'

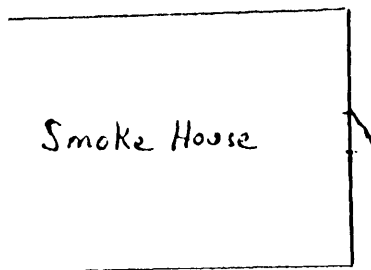
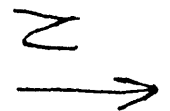
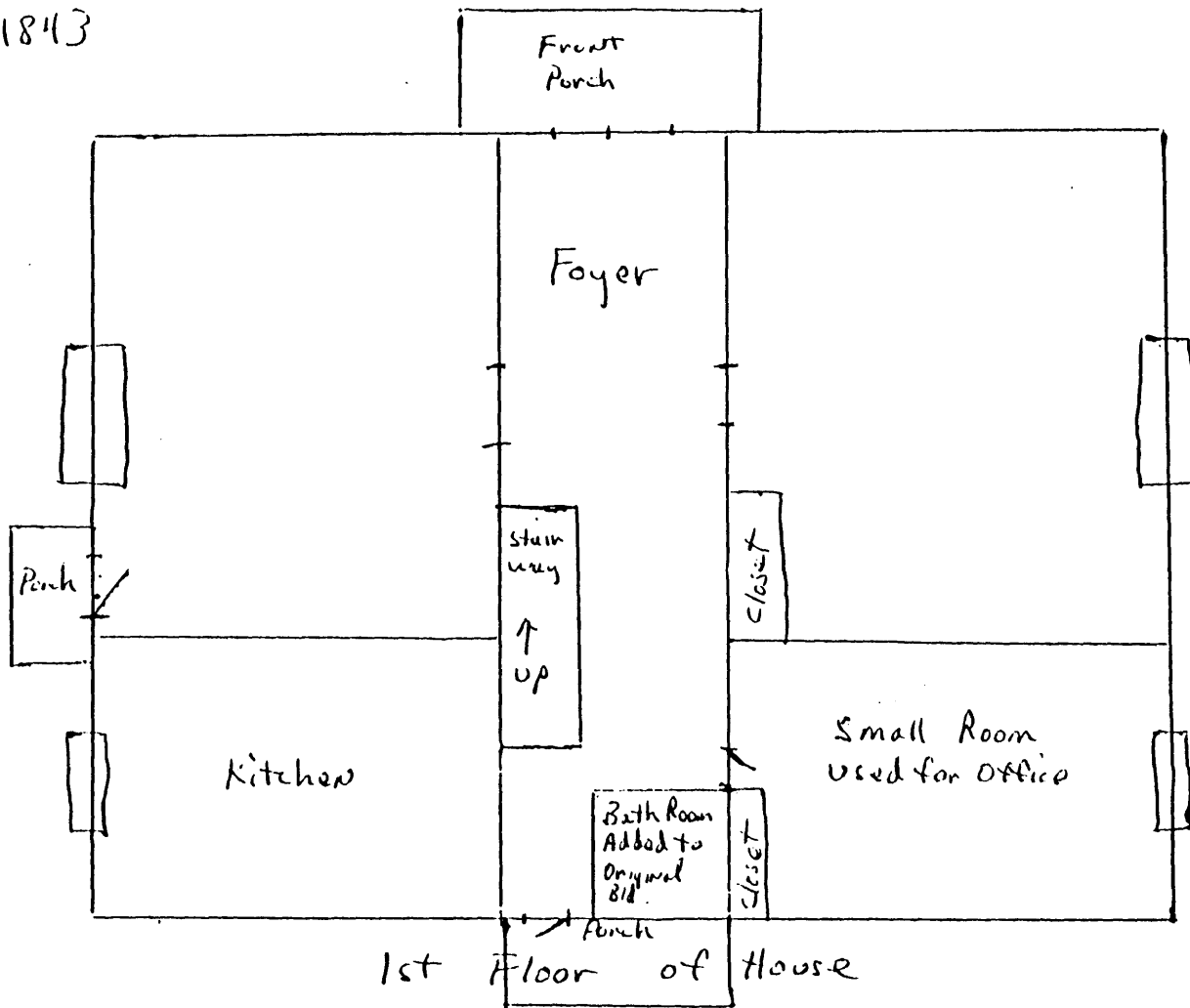
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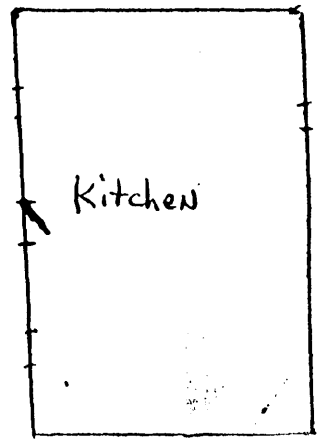


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Mable House - 1843



← Out Buildings and location in conjunction to House →

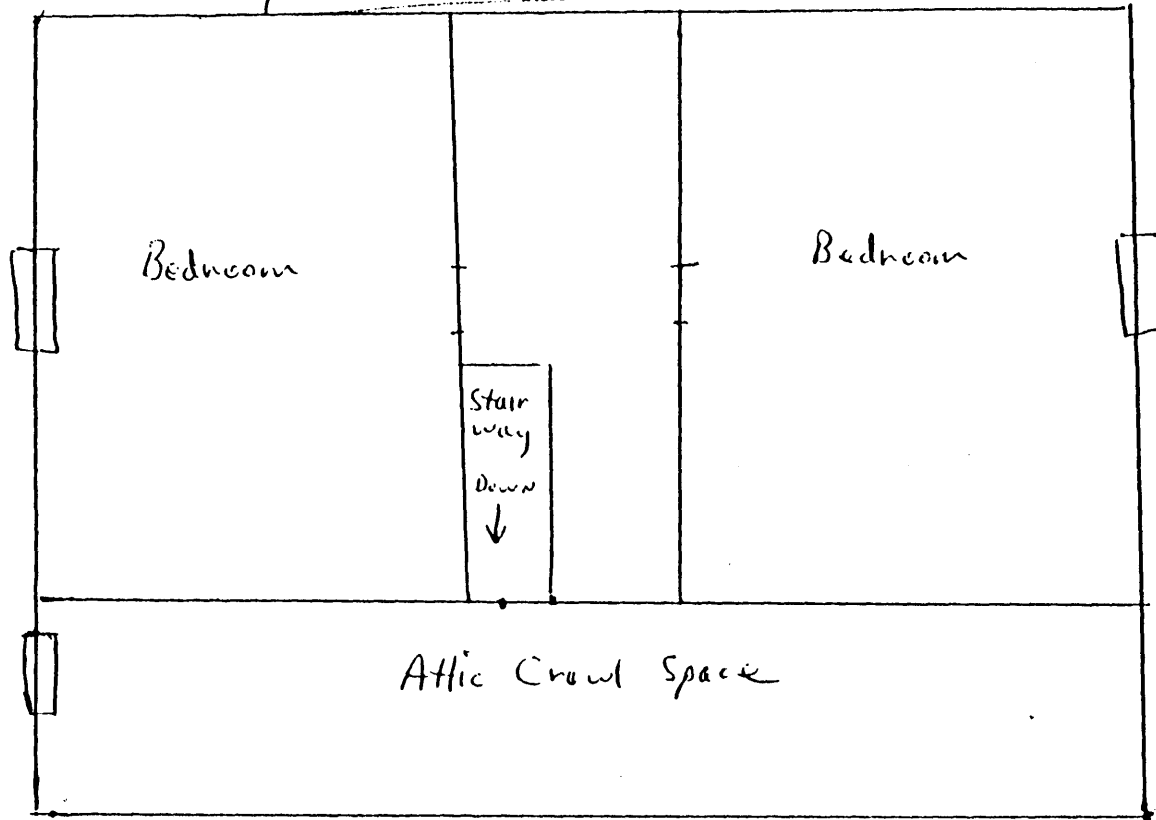


First Floor Plan  
ROBERT MABLE HOUSE AND CEMETERY  
Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia

Scale: no scale



Up Stairs - Mable House



Second Floor Plan  
ROBERT MABLE HOUSE AND CEMETERY  
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Scale: no scale

