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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. 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** Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
**other names/site number** N/A

## 2. Location

**street & number** 295 West Rutherford Street  
**city, town** Athens ( ) **vicinity of**  
**county** Clarke **code** 059  
**state** Georgia **code** GA **zip code** 30605

( ) not for publication

## 3. Classification

### Ownership of Property:

- (X) private  
( ) public-local  
( ) public-state  
( ) public-federal

### Category of Property:

- ( ) building(s)  
(X) district  
( ) site  
( ) structure  
( ) object

### Number of Resources within Property:

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

**Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:** 5

**Name of previous listing:** Milledge Avenue Historic District

**Name of related multiple property listing:** N/A

#### 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 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 the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Richard Clowers

Signature of certifying official

8-7-09

Date

W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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 or bureau

#### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

Edson H. Ball 9.24.09

( ) determined eligible for the National Register

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register

( ) removed from the National Register

( ) other, explain:

( ) see continuation sheet

ban  
Keeper of the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

Dwelling: single family

### Current Functions:

Dwelling: single family

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements: Bungalow/Craftsman

### Materials:

<b>foundation</b>	Concrete
<b>walls</b>	Stucco
<b>roof</b>	Asphalt
<b>other</b>	Wood

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase) adds to the historic district one house that was inadvertently left out of the Milledge Avenue Historic District, which was listed in the National Register on April 18, 1985. The cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street is a Craftsman-style house located southwest of downtown Athens and one block west of the University of Georgia campus.

Oliver Arnold built the cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street in 1920. West Rutherford Street, which is adjacent to Milledge Avenue, is a main north-south thoroughfare in Athens. The one-story Craftsman-style cottage is clad in stucco and covered with a hip roof. The back rooms are covered with a gable roof that includes half-timbering in the gable end. Gable-roofed dormers face east and west. The main entrance includes a transom and sidelights and is sheltered by a hip-roofed porch. The original posts that support the porch have been replaced with foliated cast-iron posts. Nine-over-one sash windows are grouped across all sides of the house.

The interior plan features the living room and dining room across the front of the triple-pile house. The living room is entered directly from the small entrance porch. The rear half of the main block is divided by a central hall with the kitchen and dining room on the east side and a bedroom on the west side. A fireplace is located in each of the four main rooms. The rear rooms include a study/bedroom, den, and an entrance porch. The interior includes historic mantels, moldings, and wainscoting throughout. The cottage retains a high level of historic integrity.

The cottage is surrounded by dense vegetation, including a small hedge along the sidewalk and large magnolia trees on each side of the concrete front walk. Azaleas and dogwood trees are planted around the cottage, which is shaded by large deciduous trees.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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**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):** ☒ N/A

☐ A      ☐ B      ☐ C      ☐ D      ☐ E      ☐ F      ☐ G

**Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):**

Architecture

**Period of Significance:**

1850s-1930s

**Significant Dates:**

1920 – Oliver Arnold built a cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street.

**Significant Person(s):**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation:**

N/A

**Architect(s)/Builder(s):**

N/A

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**Statement of significance (areas of significance)**

The Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase) adds one building (295 West Rutledge Street) and 0.43 acres to the Milledge Avenue Historic District. The Milledge Avenue Historic District was listed in the National Register on April 18, 1985. The Arnold House should have been included in the 1985 historic district nomination because it was built during the historic district's period of significance on Arnold family land that fronted Milledge Avenue. The property remained in Arnold family ownership through 1980.

The cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street is significant in the area of architecture because it is an excellent example of an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Craftsman-style bungalow in Athens. Its walls are covered with stucco and the low-pitched hip roof features two gable-roofed dormers. The windows are multi-light sashes above single-pane sashes, which were common among Craftsman-style houses. The open floor plan is functional with the living room also serving as the main entrance hall. The central hall is located at the rear of the house.

The Milledge Avenue Historic District consists of the intact residential portion of Milledge Avenue, a principal street in Athens since the early 1830s. The Milledge Avenue Historic District is significant in the area of architecture because of its outstanding collection of houses that represent well-known 19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-century house styles and types in Georgia. These styles include Greek Revival, Victorian Eclectic, Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, American Foursquare, and Craftsman/Bungalow. In the areas of community planning and development and transportation, the district comprises a notable residential area that developed incrementally following the subdivision of large estates along a principal historic city street in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The district is locally significant for containing the homes of a number of prominent Athens citizens who contributed to the social, economical, political, and religious life of the community.

**National Register Criteria**

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**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

N/A

**Period of significance (justification)**

The period of significance for the Arnold House is 1850s-1930s. This period of significance is the same as the period of significance for the Milledge Avenue Historic District, which was listed in the National Register in 1985.

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**Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)**

The cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street is the only resource associated with this boundary increase. There are no noncontributing resources associated with this boundary increase.

**Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)**

In 1903, Oliver Arnold purchased an 11-acre parcel on Milledge Avenue known as the "Rutherford Home Place," which was centered on West Rutherford Street between South Milledge Avenue and South Lumpkin Street. Also that year, 1903, Oliver Arnold and his wife, Aurie Baynes Arnold, built a large Queen Anne-style house at 925 South Milledge Avenue, which they used as their personal residence. Arnold was a prominent Athens businessman who operated the Arnold Grocery Company and the Athens Foundry. Arnold served as mayor of Athens from 1924 to 1925.

The Queen Anne-style house, which was located on the southeast corner of South Milledge Avenue and West Rutherford Street, was among the first houses on South Milledge Avenue. By 1920, the Arnolds subdivided their property into 18 smaller lots. Also in 1920, the Arnolds built a second, smaller house on their property at 295 West Rutherford Street, opposite Mell Street. This cottage was built along the east property line of their main residence at 925 South Milledge Avenue.

The West Rutherford Street cottage served as the home of Ross and Carolyne Creekmore, sister of Aurie Baynes Arnold. The Creekmores resided at the West Rutherford Street cottage through the 1930s. Ross Creekmore was an editor at the *Athens Daily Tribune* in the 1910s and later worked as a traveling salesman. Ross died in 1940 and Carolyne is listed in the city directory as a widow residing at the West Rutherford Street house.

Eugenia Arnold, daughter of Oliver and Aurie Arnold, married Pittsburgh industrialist Theodore W. Friend, Jr. She resided in Pittsburgh but maintained the Arnold family home at 925 South Milledge Avenue, which was rebuilt in the Colonial Revival style in 1933 and known as Arnocroft, and the smaller cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street. She inherited the two houses after the deaths of her mother and sisters. In 1980, she sold the West Rutherford Street cottage to Jimmy A. Gay, who sold it to Renee S. Whitfield that same year. Reverend William C. Mounts, who purchased the house from Whitfield in 1985, remains the current owner of the cottage.

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## **9. Major Bibliographic References**

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Kissane, John. "Determination of National Register Eligibility Report: Arnold-Friend-Mounts House, Athens-Clarke County, Georgia." On file at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2005.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS): ( ) N/A**

- ☐ **preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested**
- ☐ **preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued**  
**date issued:**
- ☒ **previously listed in the National Register:** Milledge Avenue Historic District
- ☐ **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:**

**Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A**

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property**      0.43 acres

### **UTM References**

A)      Zone 17      Easting 279450      Northing 3758160

### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The historic district boundary is indicated by a heavy black line on the attached map, which is drawn to scale.

### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the property and all of the intact resources historically associated with the cottage at 295 West Rutherford Street.



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**11. Form Prepared By**

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(X) **consultant**  
( ) **regional development center preservation planner**  
( ) **other:**

**Property Owner or Contact Information**

**name (property owner or contact person)** Reverend William Mounts  
**organization (if applicable)** N/A  
**mailing address** 295 West Rutherford Street  
**city or town** Athens **state** GA **zip code** 30603  
**e-mail (optional)** N/A

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Photographs

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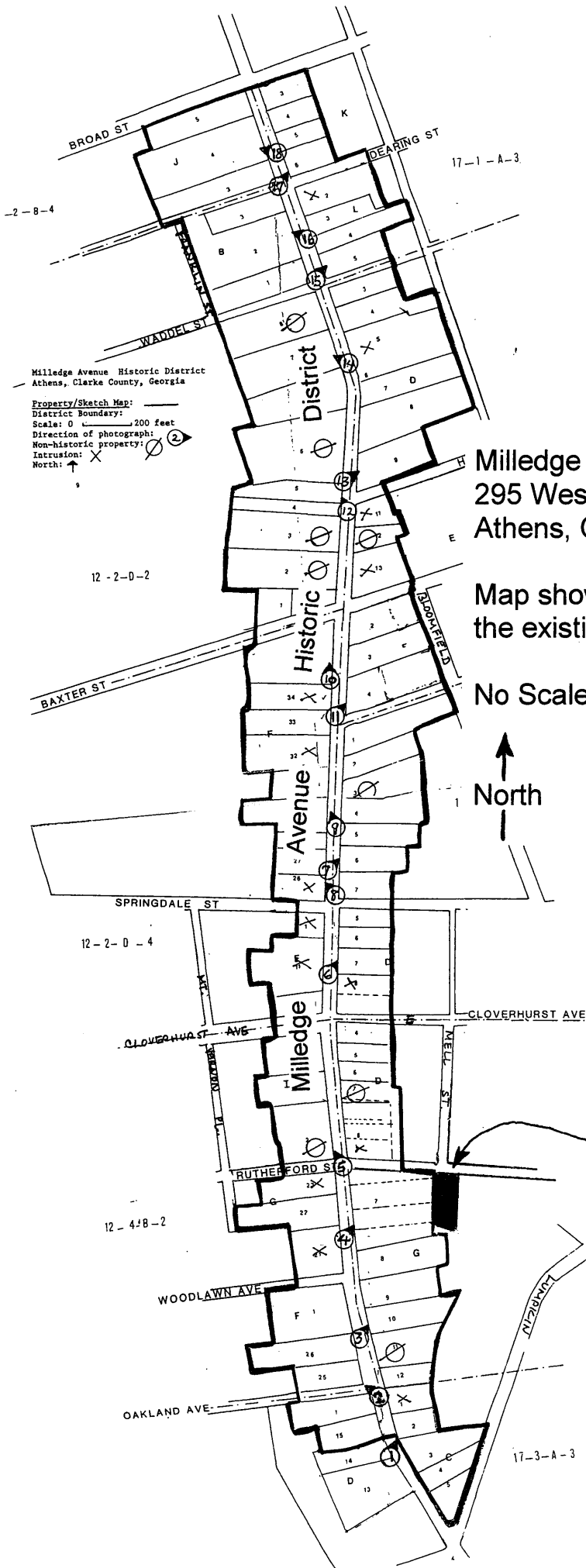
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**City or Vicinity:** Athens  
**County:** Clarke  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** May 2008

**Description of Photograph(s):**

Number of photographs: 5

1. 295 West Rutherford Street, main façade, photographer facing south.
2. 295 West Rutherford Street, main façade, photographer facing south.
3. 295 West Rutherford Street, view from Mell Street, photographer facing southeast.
4. 295 West Rutherford Street, view from Mell Street, photographer facing south.
5. West Rutherford Street, photographer facing west.

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Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
 295 West Rutherford Street  
 Athens, Clarke County, Georgia

Map showing 295 West Rutherford Street in relation to  
 the existing (1985) Milledge Avenue Historic District

No Scale

North  
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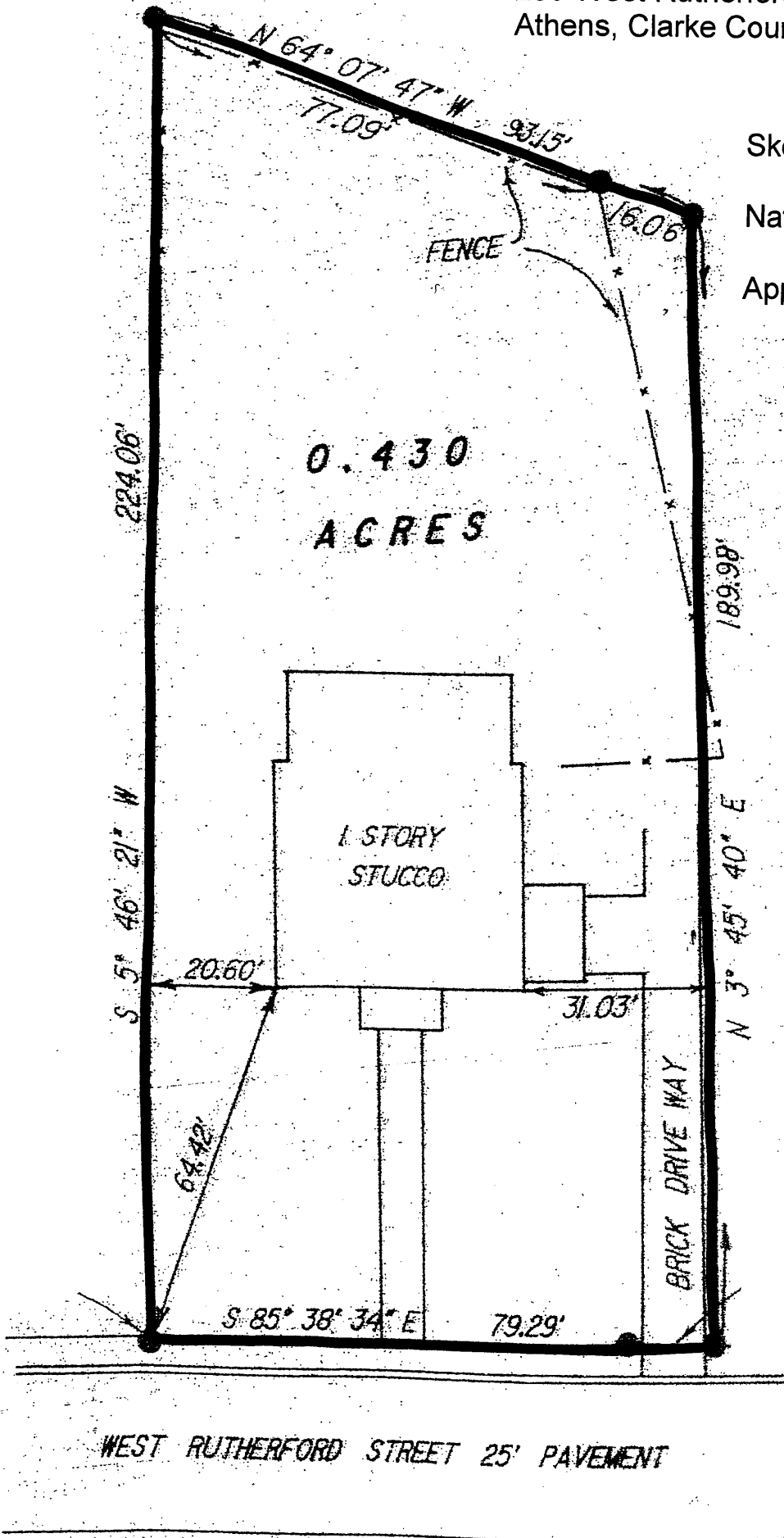
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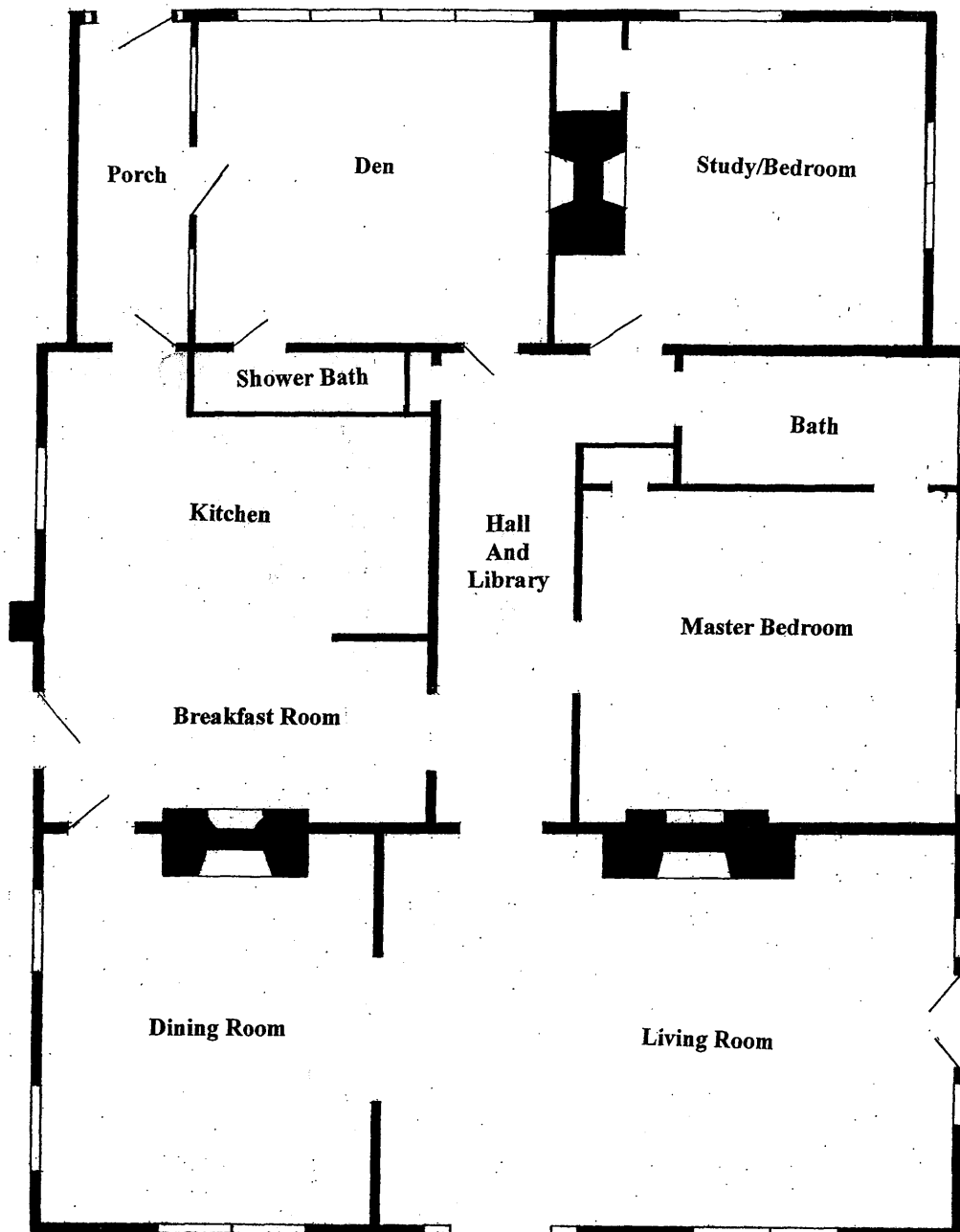
Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
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Sketch Map

National Register Boundary

Approximate scale: 1" = 25'





Milledge Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
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First-Floor Plan

No scale

