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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic William Leonard Crowder Home Place

and/or common (same)

2. Location

street & number 1615 Handy Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Newnan

vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Coweta

code 077

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jack T. Camp, Jr. and Sophia S. Camp

street & number 1615 Handy Road

city, town Newnan

vicinity of

state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Coweta County Courthouse

city, town Newnan

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The William Leonard Crowder Home Place consists of an 1880's Victorian farmhouse and several outbuildings, located in a rural area about 10 miles west of the City of Newnan in western Coweta County, Georgia.

The house is a two-story, L-shaped, wood-framed building, with side porches added in 1981, and rear kitchen and breakfast room added in 1948. It has a gabled roof with two brick chimneys and a historic front porch with Victorian gingerbread detailing. It rests on a granite foundation. A bulkhead with two doors, attached to the east side of the house at ground level, provides access to the basement. Exterior details include louvered shutters, six-over-six windows, entrance door with sidelights, and S-shaped gingerbread cutwork on the porches.

The interior of the house is organized around a central hall with two rooms on both sides, a back hall, and rear kitchen addition of the first floor. The second level consists of two rooms on both sides on the central and rear halls. Interior architectural details include wide, horizontal, painted heart-pine wall boards and heart pine floors, plaster walls, wooden ceilings, original doors, lock boxes, porcelain knobs, pine mantels, chair rails, moldings, and wainscoting.

The house is situated on a slight rise of ground and is surrounded by a terraced yard, landscaped with a variety of trees and shrubs. The front yard is swept sand. Pastures and woodlands extend from the yard.

Outbuildings on the property include a barn, chicken house and privy, tool shed, well house, and grist mill. The barn, well house, and shop/tractor house are non-historic. A non-historic, one-story building, which serves as a neighborhood polling place, is located on the site of the former Crowder Store, just southwest of the house. The sites of former outbuildings including a cotton gin, store, cane mill, wheel barrow factory, and a two-story log house are located on the property.

The boundary of the nominated property includes the house, outbuildings, and a representative portion of the historic acreage associated with the property. The northeast portion of the property is pasture and the surrounding property is currently a tree farm that is owned by W.L. Crowder's descendants. Directly to the east, adjacent to the property, is the Elim Church and Cemetery.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1880 - 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William Leonard Crowder Home Place is significant in the areas of agriculture, architecture, commerce, historic archaeology and landscape architecture.

In terms of architecture, the Crowder Home Place represents a good example of a late 19th-century, vernacular Piedmont Georgia farmhouse with outbuildings. The house is a two-story, L-shaped, wood-framed, building with simple Victorian gingerbread porch detailing. It is similar in size, scale, and plan to other rural farmhouses built in Georgia and the south-east at the turn-of-the century. The existing historic outbuildings which include a chicken house, outhouse, and grist mill are small, simple, wood framed structures, typical of those found on farms like this. The grist mill was powered by steam in the late 1800's and by gasoline in the 1920's.

The property is significant in the areas of agriculture and commerce for its use as a late-19th and early-20th-century working farm and for the businesses established and operated by its original owner, William Leonard Crowder. W.L. Crowder (1847-1918) acquired the property in 1872 and later developed several businesses consisting of a cotton gin, cane mill, grist mill, wheelbarrow factory, and a general store. The Crowder General Store was an important facility in the area known as the "Handy Community" or "Handy Crossroads" because it served as a place where the citizens of western Coweta County could purchase household and farming items, pick up their mail, and vote.

The property is important in the area of historic archaeology for its potential for providing information about the architectural, agricultural, commercial, and social aspects of the late-19th and early-20th century community of "Handy Crossroads". Several sites of former outbuildings, including a cotton gin, cane mill, wheelbarrow factory, barn, a general store, carriage house, and log house have been identified on the property by the present owners. Although no formal archaeological investigations have been made, these sites could provide information about life in rural communities in Georgia and the southeast at the turn-of-the century.

In the area of landscape architecture, the property is significant for its informally landscaped grounds and semi-circular terraces separated by a layer of rocks and many old trees. As documented by a recent statewide study of historic landscaping, these landscaping features are representative of rural properties and their gardens in the late-19th and early 20th centuries in the northern part of Georgia. The house is sited on a slight incline and has a front yard and driveway of swept sand with a variety of trees and shrubs surrounding it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Camp, Elizabeth T. "The Crowder Home-Historic Property Information Form." January 1984, (On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 44 acres, approximately

Quadrangle name Whitesburg, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

116	6888610	3169152150
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

116	6894140	31691451210
Zone	Easting	Northing

C

116	681861510	3169145100
Zone	Easting	Northing

D

Zone	Easting	Northing

E

Zone	Easting	Northing

F

Zone	Easting	Northing

G

Zone	Easting	Northing

H

Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is based on a portion of the property's current acreage that includes the house and outbuildings and representative land on each of the intersections of the historic community of "Handy Crossroads". It is drawn to scale on the attached USGS topographic map (which is the most suitable boundary map for this rural location). List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code location)

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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state Georgia

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon

Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/22/86

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

Amy Schlager

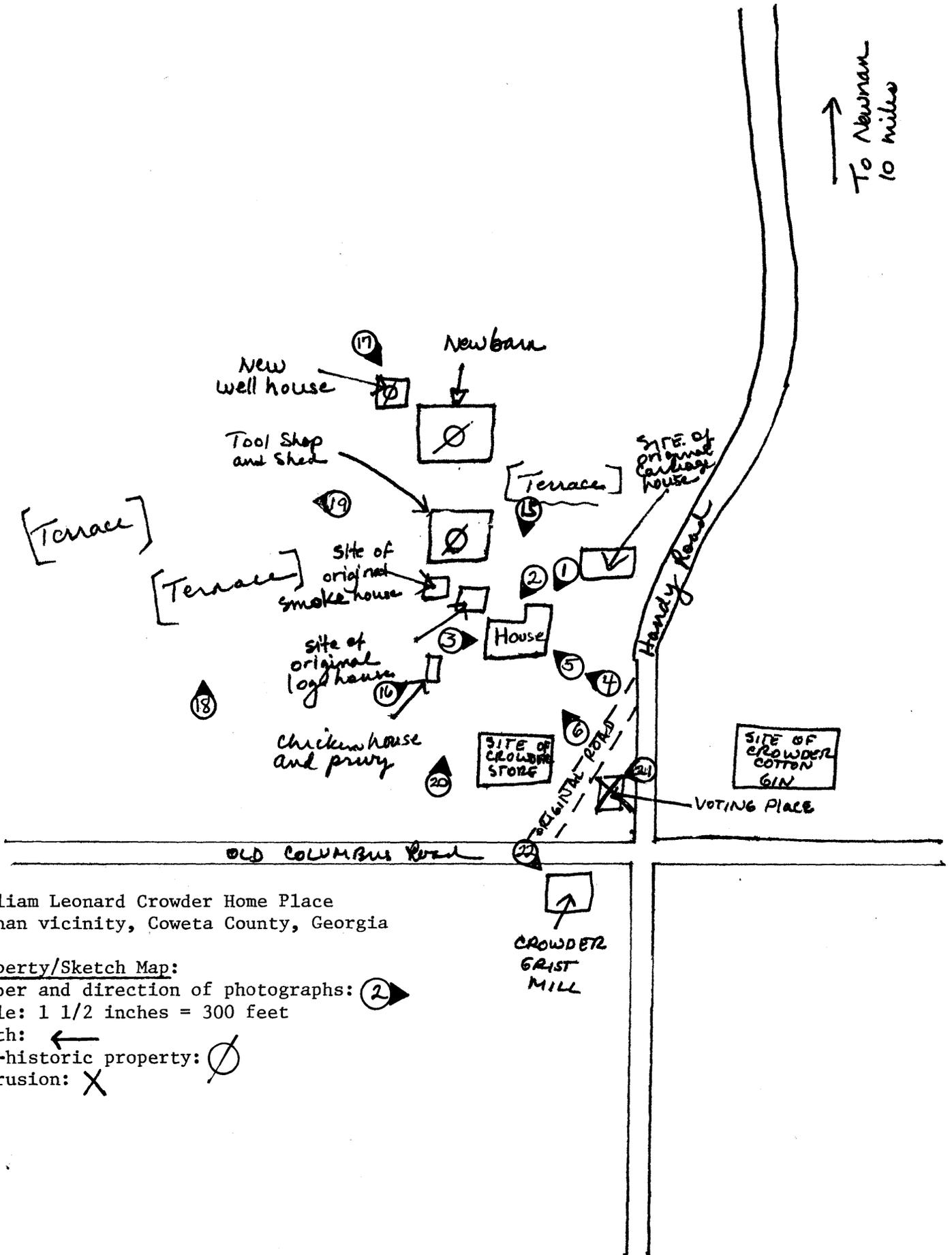
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



William Leonard Crowder Home Place
 Newnan vicinity, Coweta County, Georgia

Property/Sketch Map:

Number and direction of photographs: (2) →

Scale: 1 1/2 inches = 300 feet

North: ←

Non-historic property: ⊘

Intrusion: X