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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. 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 Abe Jones House  
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 2411 Hog Mountain Road  
city, town Watkinsville (X) vicinity of  
county Oconee code GA 219  
state Georgia code GA zip code 30677

( ) not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property:

|            | <u>Contributing</u> | <u>Noncontributing</u> |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| buildings  | 1                   | 1                      |
| sites      | 0                   | 0                      |
| structures | 0                   | 0                      |
| objects    | 0                   | 0                      |
| total      | 1                   | 1                      |

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a

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.

Elizabeth A. Lyon (es)  
Signature of certifying official

12-20-93  
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon  
State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

entered in the National Register

Henry M. Sapsley      1/28/94

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

for \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Keeper of the National Register      Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

### Current Functions:

HEALTH CARE; medical business/office

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

Other: Folk Victorian

### Materials:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| foundation | concrete |
| walls      | wood     |
| roof       | asphalt  |
| other      | brick    |

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Abe Jones House is a one-and-a-half-story, Folk Victorian style house built in 1905. The house faces northwest on a relatively flat 2.46 acre lot on Georgia Highway 53 about 2.5 miles from downtown Watkinsville. The once rural farm is now surrounded by modern residential and commercial development. The current owner completed a certified rehab on the property in 1990 for commercial use.

The house has a hipped roof with multiple gables. (Photo #1) Exterior features include yellow pine clapboard siding, a one-story front porch which wraps around the northeast corner of the house, turned porch posts, balusters, decorative brackets, and a pedimented front entrance. The two front entrances to the house include a central 15-light door with sidelights and a 15-light door opening on the northeast corner of the porch. The two northeast corners of the house are clipped with double hung, 4/4 windows. (Photo #2)

The main windows are double-hung, 6/6. In four of the gables are small double-hung, 4/4 windows, the other two gables have pointed-arch vents. A small Palladian window is located in the front hipped roof dormer. Triple, double-hung, 2/2 windows are on each side of the central rear wood paneled door. A handicap ramp has been added to the rear of the house. (Photo #3) Two interior brick chimneys remain intact.

This house is a late example of the "Georgian Cottage" house type. The interior floor plan is a modified central hall with two rooms on either side of the central hall and an additional room off the northeast front room on the east side of the house. This additional room has windows on three walls and an exterior door. The original owner, Abe Jones needed this extra room with his 10 children.

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Interior details of the house include pine floors, the original four-paneled heart pine doors, beaded wood ceilings, and wood moldings. In the entrance hall, the wooden stairway leads to the attic and includes turned balusters, wainscoting, and a decorative newel post. (Photo #4) The kitchen, in the southeast rear corner, has 1940s pine cabinets, modern linoleum covered floor, and replacement countertops.

The original five wood fireplace mantels, two with cast-iron fireboxes, are intact. (Photos #5, #6, #7) Each of the mantels is different yet all have either rectangular or round pilasters. The two front room mantels have more detailing as they were the public spaces. The northwest corner mantel is the most elaborate with rectangular pilasters as well as turned posts, a second tier with turned posts, curvilinear edging, built-in mirror, dentils, and top ledge. (Photo #6) Historically, this room would have served as the parlor or living room.

During the 1940s, the rear porch was enclosed to form a shed addition with a bathroom and two rooms. At this same time the central hall was divided to create a small room. The original back 2-light door with sidelights is intact. The door between the added back two rooms is original and has a sliding top portion, as does the door from the kitchen to the addition.

The landscaping is informal with a large grassed lawn and a variety of trees and shrubs. There are mature oaks, black walnut trees, magnolias, a dogwood, a pecan, an American Boxwood, a cunninhemia, and other native plants and trees.

One nonhistoric outbuilding remains in the rear of the house. A concrete block building, it was built in the 1950s as a garage and storage space.

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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:**

1905

**Significant Dates:**

1905

**Significant Person(s):**

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation:**

n/a

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

n/a

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**Significance of property, justification of criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:**

**Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)**

The Abe Jones House is a significant example of the Folk Victorian style of architecture popular during the turn-of-the-century as well as for its modified central hall floor plan. The house is significant in the area of architecture. This area of significance supports National Register eligibility under Criterion C.

Folk Victorian style houses in Georgia were common in both rural and urban areas. These houses had traditional floor plans with Victorian era detailing. Many, like the Abe Jones house, had a hipped roof with multiple gables, gable vents, decorative porch ornamentation, clipped corners, and a dormer window. This house represents an intact portrayal of the Folk Victorian style as it has been defined in Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in their Landscaped Settings, a statewide residential context prepared by the Georgia Office of Historic Preservation in 1991.

The Abe Jones house is also architecturally significant as a late representative example of the "Georgian Cottage" house type, popular in Georgia from the eighteenth century through the early twentieth century as identified in Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in their Landscaped Settings. Although the traditional Georgian floor plan features a central hallway with two rooms on either side, the Abe Jones House is atypical. This house demonstrates a modified central hall plan with an additional room off the front northeast side. This modification is not surprising, since Mr. Jones had 10 children when the house was built. Like other "Georgian Cottages," the chimneys are located between each pair of rooms with the east chimney also serving the additional room.

The building was originally used as a farmhouse for a 93-acre farm. The farm land was subdivided during the 1970s for residential development. The remaining farmhouse and 2.46 acres were purchased in 1990 by the current owners who have completed a certified rehab on the property for commercial use.

**National Register Criteria**

The Abe Jones House is eligible under criterion C as an intact example of a Folk Victorian style, "Georgian Cottage" house type that was popular in Georgia during the turn-of-the-century.

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**Criteria Considerations (if applicable)**

n/a

**Period of significance (justification)**

1905 is the construction date.

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

The contributing resource is the house. The noncontributing resource is a nonhistoric concrete block outbuilding.

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

In 1895 J. Abe Jones bought 93 acres from G.W. Malcom, which had been used to grow cotton. In 1905 Abe Jones and his family that included 10 children--the youngest of whom was born around the same time--moved into the home. A hardworking man, Mr. Jones farmed cotton, some row crops, and raised both dairy and beef cattle. Not much is known about Mr. Jones' life other than he was on the Board of Trustees of a local bank and was Chairman of the Board at Union Christian Church.

In 1926, Mr. Jones lost his land to the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. He, like many other cotton farmers, experienced substantial economic hardship during the 1920s in the years following the arrival of the boll weevil, which decimated cotton crops throughout the South in the late 1910s and early 1920s, and before the Great Depression in 1929. Although Jones no longer owned the property, the family was allowed to stay on and work the land until 1940 when W.H. Barnett purchased the original homeplace and the 93 acres.

Mr. Barnett's wife Eva then inherited the farm in 1957. After remarrying, Mrs. Eva Barnett Lovern relinquished one-half interest to her husband W.C. Lovern and the other half to George A. Hillsman in 1970. James A. Marshall obtained the property in that same year and began subdividing the original 93 acres. In 1972 Dan O'Dillon bought the house and 2.46 acres which marks the current property lines. The property was left to Allene O'Dillon in 1990 who then sold it to the current owner Jane P. Bath that same year. Ms. Bath has since completed a certified rehab on the house for office space. The current tenant is St. Mary's Hospital Outreach.



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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Bath, Jane. Historic Property Information Form. October 1990. On file at the Office of Historic Preservation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia, with supplemental information.

Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources. Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in their Landscaped Settings. Atlanta: Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, 1991.

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

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested (January 31, 1991)
- 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:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

Oc 41 (1974 Survey)  
Oc 157 (1976 Survey)

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** 2.467

**UTM References**

Watkinsville Quadrangle

A) Zone 17 Easting 273620 Northing 3749910

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary follows the current legal boundary of the 2.467 acre property, drawn on the enclosed plat map. Property formerly associated with the house has been subdivided and redeveloped.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary encompasses the current legal property associated with the house.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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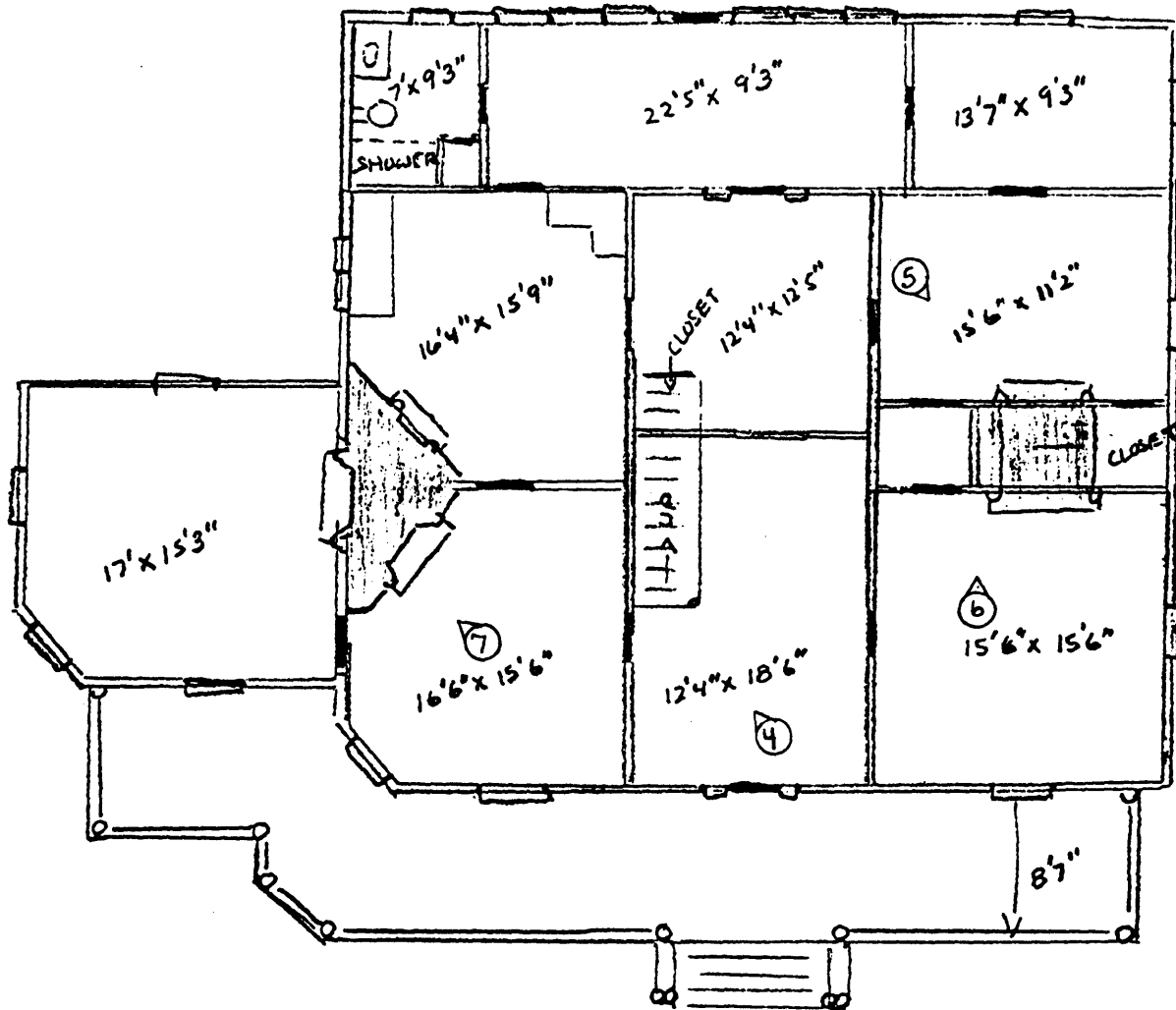
**Photographs**

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**Name of Property:** Abe Jones House  
**City or Vicinity:** Watkinsville  
**County:** Oconee  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** James R. Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** June 1992


**Description of Photograph(s):**

- 1 of 7: Front facade of the Abe Jones House; photographer facing southeast.
- 2 of 7: Northeast facade of the Abe Jones House with additional room and clipped corner; photographer facing southwest.
- 3 of 7: Rear facade of the Abe Jones house with 1940s addition and 1990 handicap ramp; photographer facing northwest.
- 4 of 7: Central hallway with stairway; photographer facing southeast.
- 5 of 7: Southwest room mantel; photographer facing northwest.
- 6 of 7: Northwest room mantel; photographer facing southeast.
- 7 of 7: Northeast front room mantel, fire box, and doors; photographer facing east.



Abe Jones House  
 Oconee County, Georgia  
 Floor Plan

Photographs/Direction of View:   
 Scale: No Scale

North: 

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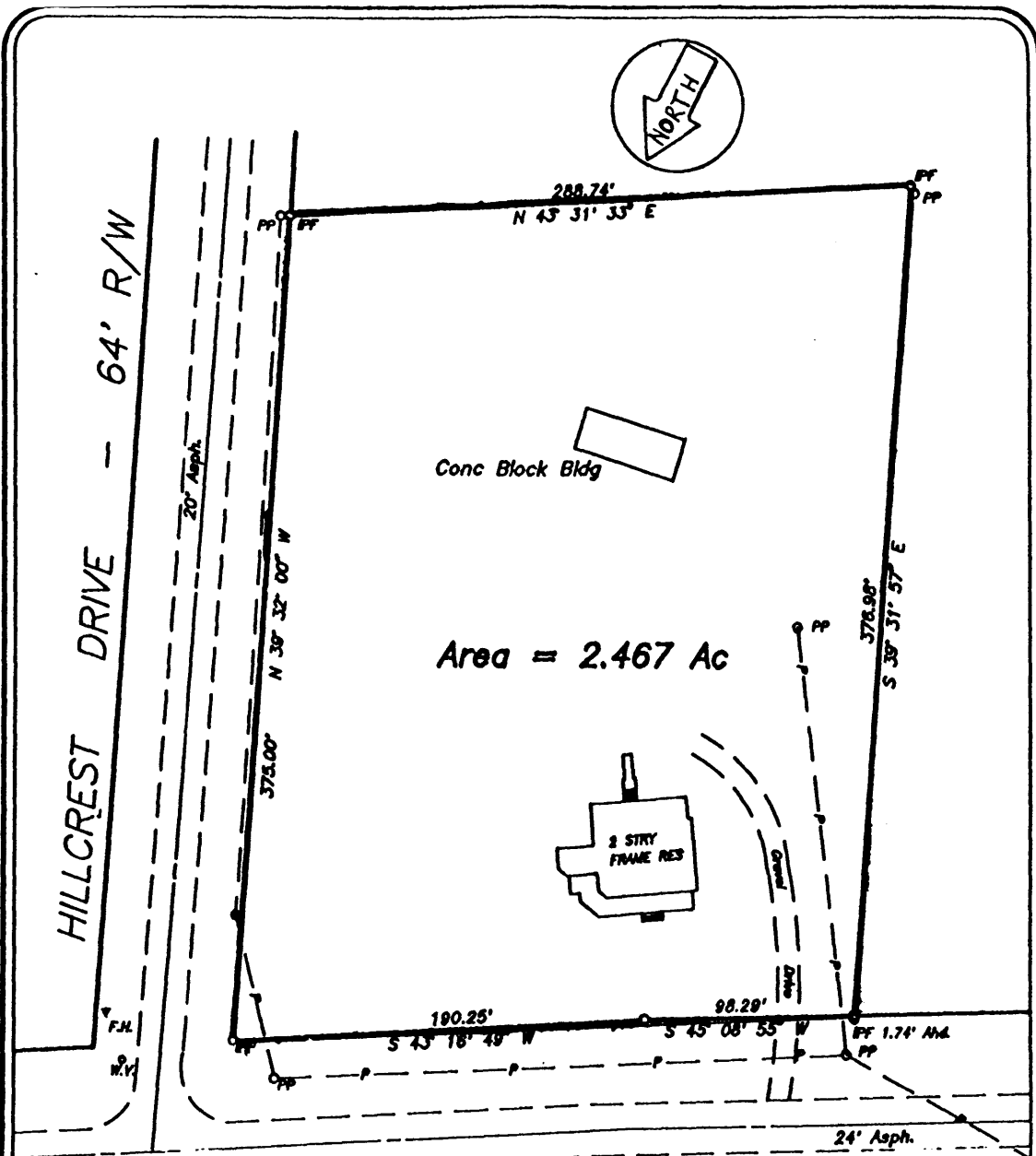
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GEORGIA HIGHWAY 53 100' R/W

Abe Jones House  
 Oconee County, Georgia  
 Plat Map  
 National Register Boundary: ———  
 Scale: 1" = 100'

In my opinion, this plat is a correct representation of the land platted and has been prepared in conformity with the minimum standards and requirements of law.  
*Clifford A. Smith*  
 Member of Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia

North:



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