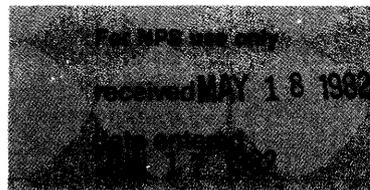


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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



1. Name

historic Elam - Camp House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 216 Jackson Street N/A not for publication

city, town Gordon N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Georgia code 013 county Wilkinson code 319

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

4. Owner of Property

name William R. E. Camp

street & number 216 Jackson Street

city, town Gordon N/A vicinity of state Georgia 31031

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Wilkinson County Courthouse

city, town Irwinton state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures Field Survey: Wilkinson County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

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 Elam-Camp House, built in 1915, is a two-story, brick Georgian Style house with a full basement and a partial wrap-around one story porch. Its rooms are arranged four over four with a central stair hall. The house is located on the edge of a residential section adjacent to a kaolin plant.

The exterior of the Elam-Camp House is brick made by McMillan Brick Company of Milledgeville, Georgia, the architect/builder's business. The brick is laid in a modified American bond. The 2 over 2 windows have concrete sills and lintels and are flanked by original shutters. The house has a virtually flat roof and two interior chimneys. The front door has large sidelights on either side and a plain, flat concrete lintel above, accentuating the door space. The door itself has several inset panels with bull's eye motif. The front screen door may be original. Otherwise, the house has no ornamentation, in keeping with its style.

A porch covers the first floor of the front of the house and wraps around to the Southeast side. Original to the house, it has brick and concrete pillars and a cement floor. Part of it is screened.

On the rear of the house a bathroom was added in 1942 inside an original lattice porch.

The interior of the house is laid out with four rooms on the main and upper floors and two rooms in the ground floor or basement. The interior walls, constructed of brick, are 1 1/2' thick and are plastered with a rough natural sand finish. On the main floor the rooms were originally bedrooms, a parlor and a music room, all opening onto the central hall. Each room has a fireplace in the inside, adjoining walls, each with a simple wooden mantel and over mantel. Closets are located beside some of the fireplaces; interconnecting doors are located beside others. The 12 foot high ceilings are finished in beaded tongue and groove wood. The house retains its original 2 over 2 large pane windows. Lighting is achieved in each room by a drop cord in the center of the ceiling.

The stair leading to the upper floor is simple yet massive, with little ornamentation, in keeping with the rest of the house. The four rooms on the upper floor are similar to those below, having been built as bedrooms and each having a fireplace with wooden mantel.

The ground floor houses the kitchen and original dining room, most recently used as a florist shop. There is a rear entrance to the kitchen at ground level. The original cement floor remains.

The house retains its original ash dumps. There is a flower pit on the ground level under the side of the screen porch.

The grounds retain some large trees but little evidence of any formal landscaping. There are no out buildings. The property is in a residential area on a city street. It backs up to a gulch that leads to a kaolin factory.

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The only major changes to the house appear to be the screening of part of the front porch, the conversion of a back porch to a bathroom (including removing the stairs), the conversion of the dining room into a Florist Shop, and cementing the stairs from the main floor to the basement.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in December, 1980, still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

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 type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1915

Builder/Architect Robert McMillan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Elam-Camp House, built in 1915, is historically significant in the areas of architecture and local history. Architecturally, it is significant as the first brick house built in Gordon and for being in the Georgian Revival Style with a four-over four room arrangement and simple but dignified detailing. In local history it is significant as the home of William S. Elam (1846-1923) a Civil War veteran who was Section Foreman for the Central of Georgia Railroad in nearby Baldwin County. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

The architectural significance of the Elam-Camp House rests primarily with its importance to the community as the first brick house in Gordon and as a locally good example of the continuing use of a style, here the Georgian-Revival Style. The house is solidly built of bricks, each stamped with the name of the architect's family firm McMillan Brick Company of Milledgeville, Georgia. The simple, straight-forward massing and details, such as the four over four room arrangement, central hall, horizontal lintels over all windows and doors, and plastered walls, reflect simplified aspects of the Georgian Revival style. To the casual observer it could easily be mistaken for an antebellum plantation-era home to which had been added a screen porch. It was even built without bathrooms as late as 1915, and without any other popular 20th century features such as built-in book cases or modern lighting. The placement of the kitchen and dining room in the basement is reminiscent of similar facilities found in traditional antebellum domestic architecture in the south.

The original owner/builder William S. Elam (1846-1923) bought this property in 1908 having moved here earlier from nearby Baldwin County. There he had been a Section Foreman for the Central of Georgia Railroad. His duties would have included overseeing the maintenance of a portion of the railroad, perhaps twenty miles or less, with a crew of workers. Usually the railroad company provided the foreman a house that was near the tracks, so it is likely that this house was built by Mr. Elam after he retired and needed his own residence.

Elam became a trustee of the Methodist Church and later had a street named for him in Gordon. This house, said to be the first brick house in the town, thus emphasizes his position in the community as a stable citizen by having the most substantial house even though in that era brick houses were common place in other locales. The house is still owned by the Elam family and is occupied by his grandson.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Draft Nomination by Teri Bellury, Preservation Planner, Oconee APDC, 1980. Interview and site visit with W.R.E. Camp, By K.H. Thomas, Jr., October, 1980.

He Wouldn't Run: A History of Gordon, Georgia (undated).

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Gordon, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	7	2	8	1	3	8	0	3	6	4	0	5	6	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

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G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is shown on the enclosed Wilkin-son County, Georgia Tax Map Number G-10 as parcel 95. It is marked by a heavy black line. It is all the current owner owns at this location.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian
Historic Preservation Section

organization Department of Natural Resources

date April 13, 1982

street & number 270 Washington Street

telephone (404) 656-2840

city or town Atlanta

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

date 4/21/82

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

Entered in the

National Register

date

6/17/82

William Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Chief of Registration

Chief of Registration

