

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 7, Box 5, Item 6

E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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Names:

E. P. Garrett House -
The Cedars

Places:

Limestone Co., AL

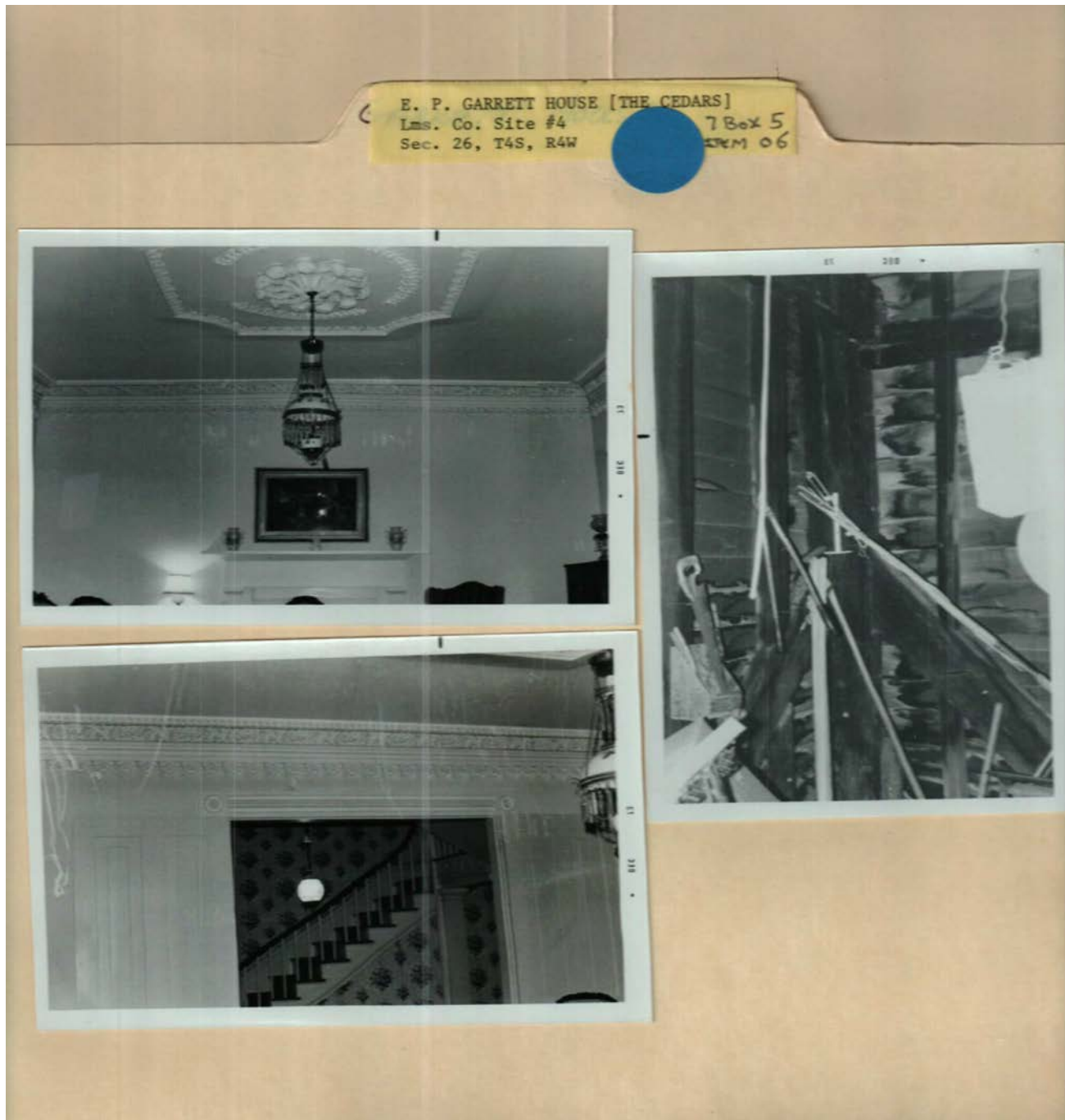
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E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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E. P. Garrett House -
The Cedars

Places:

Limestone Co., AL

Types:

photographs

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W ITEM 06

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 33 # 4

1. Name of site or structure (The Cedars) Garrett Home

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) Belle Mina to
Highway 31

3. Description Late Greek Revival House

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Built in 1859
by a descendant of the original settler
who came to Limestone Co. in 1817

5. National Register Form Submitted

Names:

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Limestone Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

1859

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W ITEM 06

Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON: E. P. Garrett, Sr. Home
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Cedars

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 176
CITY OR TOWN: Belle Mina
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Limestone CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESERVE USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Edmond Peter Garrett Sr.
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Belle Mina, Limestone County STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: deed Records, Limestone County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Athens STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Preliminary TARCOG
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: TARCOG Office, Central Bank of Alabama Building
STREET AND NUMBER: Public Square
CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

Names:

E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

National Register of
Historic Places

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

form

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E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If Known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This is a Greek Revival house, according to the architect's review, with two-storied boxed columns with small balcony. It appears to support the survey note of 1859 construction. Interior plaster has definite Victorian flavor and is very elaborate. Some door frames have "Greek Ears" and some have rosette blocks. The front door is a four-panel double door, and all the doors downstairs are four panels. Simple stair rail is typical of both Federal and Greek Revival period. "The Cedars" is built of poplar and pine boards "in the sturdy manner of the time." All the brick for the chimneys, foundation, and the north wing were made on the place by slave labor. This was probably one of the last homes built in the vicinity before the Civil War. Most of the floors are original old pine boards. The plaster work in the parlor is said to be the only work of its kind between Huntsville and Florence. The two large windows in the parlor have the original brass cornices. The mantels in the house are Greek Revival. The furniture throughout the house, although not all original to the house, is furniture of the period of the house and are family pieces from both sides of the family of the present owners. The banquet table in the dining room is original to the house, but the two ends were gone from the place for a number of years. They were found, repurchased by the owner, and brought back to their original place. The lamps are old kerosene lamps that were rewired and returned to their former place. The old French clock belonged to the present owner's great-great grandfather, Thomas Bibb. The original house was two rooms up and two down with wide halls between of clapboard. The ell, to the back, was probably built at the same time and is of brick. A porch has been added to one side and on the other a modern breakfast room, kitchen and joined to the office which originally was the outside kitchen. This has been done in keeping with the original house. The original smokehouse stands in the yard behind the house.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Names:

Bibb, Thomas

E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

1859

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E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 78x5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W 06

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phil.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Isosphy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The house, named "The Cedars" for the tall cedars that grew around it, is situated on a 1600 acre plantation which has been in the owner's family since it was settled in 1817 by Edmond Garrett who came to Limestone County from Buckingham County, Virginia. He built his home about one mile from the present location of the Cedars. The house was built by Peter Francisco Garrett, whose marriage to Mary Peete joined two families of original settlers who had bought up a large amount of land upon coming to Limestone County. The home was inherited by Edmond Peete Garrett, who married Augusta Bibb, great-granddaughter of Thomas Bibb, another original settler and the second governor of the state of Alabama. Their son, Edmond Peter Garrett, married Elizabeth Hill of Mooresville--and her people had been early settlers of the county. Mr. Edmond Peter Garrett, Sr. and his wife live in the home place and their two sons live on the plantation and farm the land along with their father. Mr. Garrett and his sons have won recognition in several areas of farm achievement; but although they are examples of successful modern planters who have used science and technology in their agricultural pursuits, they have continued to maintain the gracious traditions of their family heritage.

Names:

Bibb, Augusta
Bibb, Thomas
E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Garrett, Edmond
Peete

Garrett, Edmond
Peter
Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

Garrett, Peter
Francisco
Hill, Elizabeth
Peete, Mary

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

1817

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 78x5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W 18x106

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES			
Deed Records, Limestone Courthouse, Athens, Alabama. Garrett Abstract--in Garrett family possession. Mason, Mary, "Garrett Family History," unpublished material, August 1940, in Athens Public Library, Athens, Alabama. Richardson, Fannie, "Ante-Bellum Homes," Decatur Daily, Copy in Athens Public Library, Athens, Alabama.			
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA			
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY		LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds W34° 39' 30"	Degrees Minutes Seconds W86° 54' 15"	
NE			
SE			
SW			
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
11. FORM PREPARED BY			
NAME AND TITLE:			
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION			
NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION			
As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>		I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. _____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation	
Name _____		Date _____	
Title _____		ATTEST:	
Date _____		_____ Keeper of The National Register	
		Date _____	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1973-729-147/1442 3-1

Names:

Mason, Mary

Richardson, Fannie

Types:

form

Dates:

1940

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
 Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
 Sec. 26, T4S, R4W 32M 06

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama
 COUNTY: Limestone

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: E. P. Garrett, Sr. Home
 AND/OR HISTORIC: The Cedars

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 176
 CITY OR TOWN: Belle Mina
 STATE: Alabama CODE: _____ COUNTY: Limestone CODE: _____

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Edmond Peter Garrett Sr.
 STREET AND NUMBER: _____
 CITY OR TOWN: Belle Mina, Alabama STATE: Limestone CODE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Deed Records, Limestone County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER: _____
 CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Preliminary TAPCOG
 DATE OF SURVEY: _____ ☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ County ☐ Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: TAPCOG - Central Bank of Alabama Bldg.
 STREET AND NUMBER: Public Square
 CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE: _____

STATE
COUNTY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

Names:

E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

National Register of
Historic Places

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

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Dates:

1859

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W KRM 06

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Names:

Bibb, Thomas

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

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E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W 06

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Literary	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The house named "The Cedars" for the tall cedars that grew around it is situated on a 1600 acre plantation which has been in the owners family since it was settled in 1817 by Edmond Garrett who came to Limestone County from Buckingham County, Virginia. He built his home about one mile from the present location of the Cedars. The house was built by Peter Francisco Garrett, whose marriage to Mary Peete joined two families of original settlers who had bought up a large amount of land upon coming to Limestone County. The home was inherited by Edmond Peete Garrett who married Augusta Bibb, great granddaughter of Thomas Bibb, another original settler and the second governor of the state of Alabama. Their son Edmond Peter Garrett married Elizabeth Hill of Mooresville and her people had been early settlers of the county. Mr. Edmond Peter Garrett, Sr. and his wife live in the home place and their two sons live on the plantation and farm the land along with their father. Mr. Garrett and his sons have won recognition in several areas of farm achievement, but although they are examples of successful modern planters, who have used science and technology in their agricultural pursuits they have continued to maintain the gracious traditions of their family heritage.</p>			

Names:

Bibb, Augusta
Bibb, Thomas
E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Garrett, Edmond
Peete

Garrett, Edmond
Peter
Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

Garrett, Peter
Francisco
Hill, Elizabeth
Peete, Mary

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

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Dates:

1817

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E. P. Garrett House "The Cedars," built in 1859 - Limestone Co.

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W Item 06

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deed Records , Limestone Court House, Athens, Alabama
Garrett Abstract - In Family Possession
Mason, Mary, "Garrett Family History", Unpublished
material, August 1940, In Athens Public
Library.
Richardson, Fannie, "Ante-Bullum Home", Decatur Daily,
Copy in Athens Public Library.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	34°	39'	30"	86°	04'	15"			
NE									
SE									
SW									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1000

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____ DATE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
STREET AND NUMBER: _____
CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____
ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register
Date: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Names:

E. P. Garrett Home -
The Cedars

Mason, Mary
Richardson, Fannie

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

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nomination form

Dates:

1940

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E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W ITEM 06

TARCOG
HISTORICAL NOTES
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Limestone
Coordinator's Name: Alice Harrison
Historical Notes Number: 33 - Site 4 (Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: _____ (Blue Ink)

1. Name: Garrett House "The Cedars"

2. Location: Between Belle Mina & Highway 31
about 5 miles from Wallace, Ala.

3. Classification: House has been owned in original
Buckner's family, on original plantation
of 1500 acres acquired around 1819 by
Prof. Edmund Garrett who came to this
area from Buckingham Co., Va. Present
house built in 1859 by Peter Francisco Garrett,
son of Edmund. Named the place "The
Cedars" for cedar trees, some of which are
still standing.

4. Owner of Property: E. P. Garrett, Sr. a descendant
of Rev. Thomas Bibb on his maternal
side of family,

5. Location of Legal Description: _____
SE 1/4 of Sec. 26, T. 4 S. R. 4 W. of the
Huntsville Meridian

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p. 1

Names:

Bibb, Thomas
E. P. Garrett House -
The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Limestone Co., AL

Types:

survey form

Dates:

1859

E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
 Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
 Sec. 26, T4S, R4W REM 06

6. Representation in Existing Surveys: Preliminary TARCOG Survey.

7. Description: Greek Revival - Exterior has 2 story
 Doric Columns with small balcony
 (cantilevered) Interior is plaster and has
 definite Victorian flavor - is very elaborate -
 Some has brown tile "Greek Key" and some
 has corner rosettes blocks - 4-panel doors -
 Simple stair rail typical of both Federal
 and Greek Revival. Heavy plain Greek
 Revival moldings. Appearance supports the
 survey date of 1859 construction (late
 Gov. Rev.) on lot backing in perhaps
 original. (Note from Harbison Jones, Arch.)
 Has hand made brick piers for foundation,
 built down from 10" sq. oak logs. Corner
 post of each room is a pine log 12" x 12".
 (Gift of present owner). The wide front doors
 in the pictures are original. Much of the furniture

8. Historical Significance to family piece from both families

A. Period: 1859 - Late Gov. Rev. The present owner -

B. Specific Dates: This house is built on a 1500
 acre plantation he has an original
 family since 1817 - Built in 1859 by Peter
 Garrett grandfather of present owner, son
 of Edmund Garrett who came to Limestone
 Co. in 1817 and bought the land on which
 house was built

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 p. 2

Names:

E. P. Garrett House -
 The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
 Garrett, Peter

Places:

Belle Mina,
 Limestone Co., AL

Types:

survey form

E. P. GARRETT HOUSE [THE CEDARS]
 Lms. Co. Site #4
 Sec. 26, T4S, R4W

8. Historical Significance (continued)

C. Areas of Significance: House built by Peter Garrett
son of Edmond Garrett, who came from 1785
in Buchanan Co. Va. He came to Ala. 1817
and built his home 1818 about 1 mile from
the present location of "The Cedars". The site overlooked
Piney Creek. House burned in the late 1800's
Some of the 8x8 brick are used as walk at
"The Cedars". Was used by Union Troops during
Civil War.

D. Statement of Significance: "The Cedars" was built by
Peter Francisco Garrett, son of Edmond Garrett.
He married Mary Peete of Limestone and in
1859 built the present home on Oak Co Rd
acquired from his father. He called the place
"The Cedars".

The home came into the possession of
Edmond Peter Garrett as the result of his
father. Edmond Peter Garrett married
Augusta Bibb of Belle Mina, great
granddaughter of Thomas Bibb, early
Governor of Alabama.

His only surviving child, Edmond
Peter Garrett, married Elizabeth Hill,
whose people were early settlers of
Mooreville. They are the present owners.

Smithhouse is original Piney -

The Garretts - father and son - are
successful tobacco planters who have
used science & technology in their
crop harvest. And at the same time
have maintained the gracious Southern
tradition of their family heritage.

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p. 3

Names:

Bibb, Augusta
 Bibb, Thomas
 E. P. Garrett House -
 The Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
 Garrett, Edmond
 Peete

Garrett, Edmond
 Peter
 Garrett, Peter
 Hill, Elizabeth

Places:

Belle Mina,
 Limestone Co., AL

Types:

survey form

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 Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
 Sec. 26, T4S, R4W DEM 06

9. Specific Bibliographical References: *Garrett*
 Mason, Mary, "Family History" - Unpublished
~~Richardson, Fannie~~ - Aug. 1940 in *Albany*
 Richardson, Fannie "Auto. Bellum Home" *Albany*
 is "Antique Haven" - *Decatur Daily*
 Garrett Family Abstract - In Fanny's Possession.
 Sub Record in "Dead Records, Limestone County
 Athens, Alabama."

10. Verified Geographical Data:

Date of Completion: _____

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 p. 4

Names:
 Mason, Mary
Types:
 survey form

Richardson, Fannie

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Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W 474M 06

TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Limestone
Field Surveyors' Names: Edmond J. Herbert
Historical Notes Number: 33- Site 4
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: _____
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Garrett Home
2. Location: Between Belle Mina + Highway 31 to Athens
3. Owner of Property: E. P. Garrett, Sr.
4. Geographical Data: Between Belle Mina + Decatur - Athens Highway 31
5. Acreage: Over 1500 acre plantation site remaining in the original Garrett family
6. Classification: _____
7. Integrity: Built in 1859. Had hand made brick piers for foundation. Sills hewn from 12" square oak logs. corner post of each room is a pine log 12"x12"

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p. 1

Names:

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Peter, Sr.

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

survey form

Dates:

1859

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Lms. Co. Site #4 7 Box 5
Sec. 26, T4S, R4W ITEM 06

8. Condition: Excellent

9. Present Use: Family residence -- descendant
of original owner

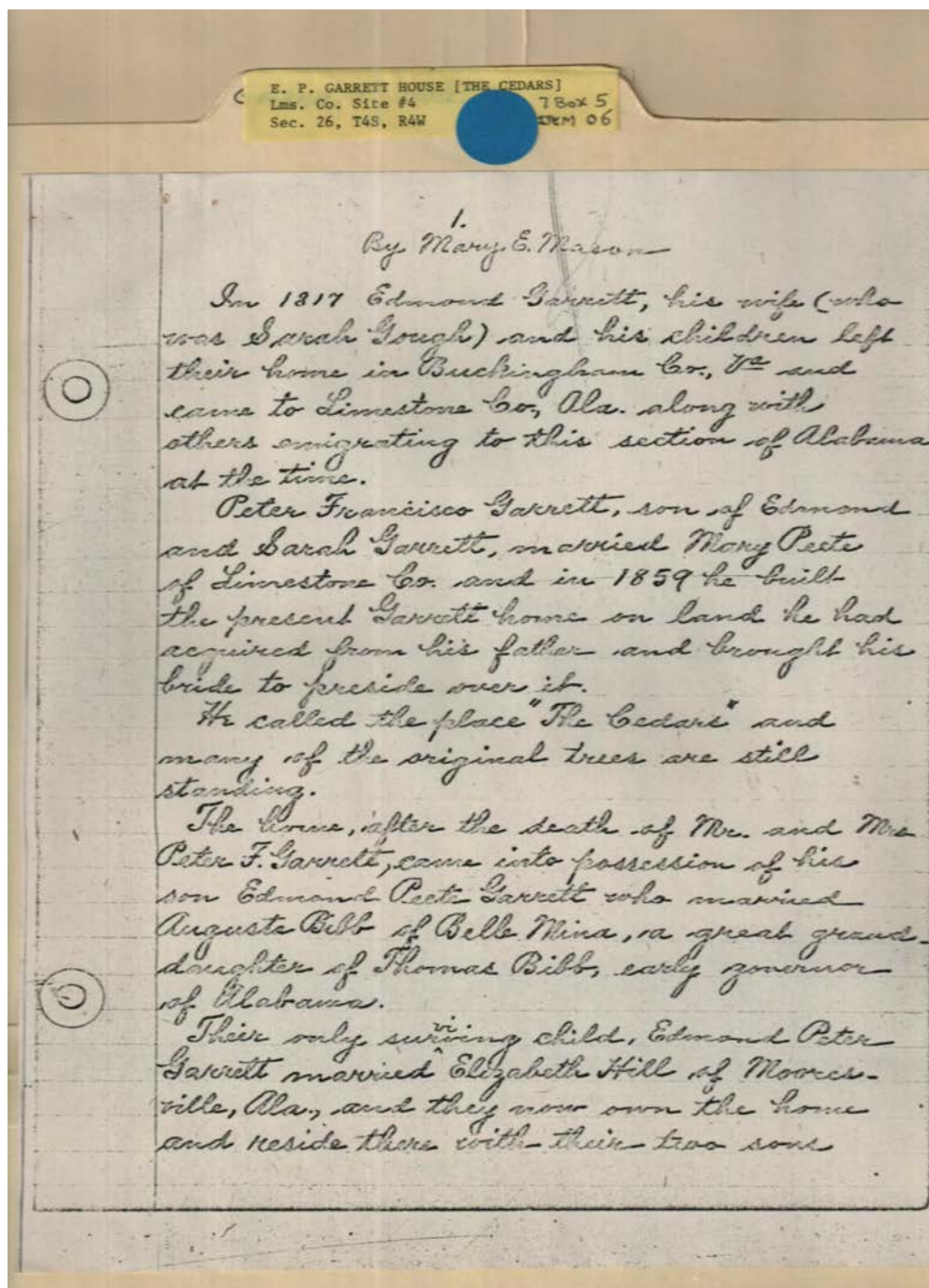
10. Areas of Significance:

11. Architectural Description: Greek Revival - Exterior has
2-story hooked columns with small balcony
(cantilevered). Interior is plaster & has
definite Victorian flavor -- is very
elaborate. Doors and windows have "Poultney"
and some have corner brackets. Windows
4-panel doors - hinges plain nail typical
of both Federal & Greek Revival. 1 heavy
plain Greek Revival mantle - (H. P. Jones; Arch.)

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: _____

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Names:

Bibb, Augusta
Garrett Home - The
Cedars
Garrett, Edmond

Garrett, Edmond
Peete
Garrett, Edmond
Peter

Garrett, Peter
Francisco
Gough, Sarah
Hill, Elizabeth

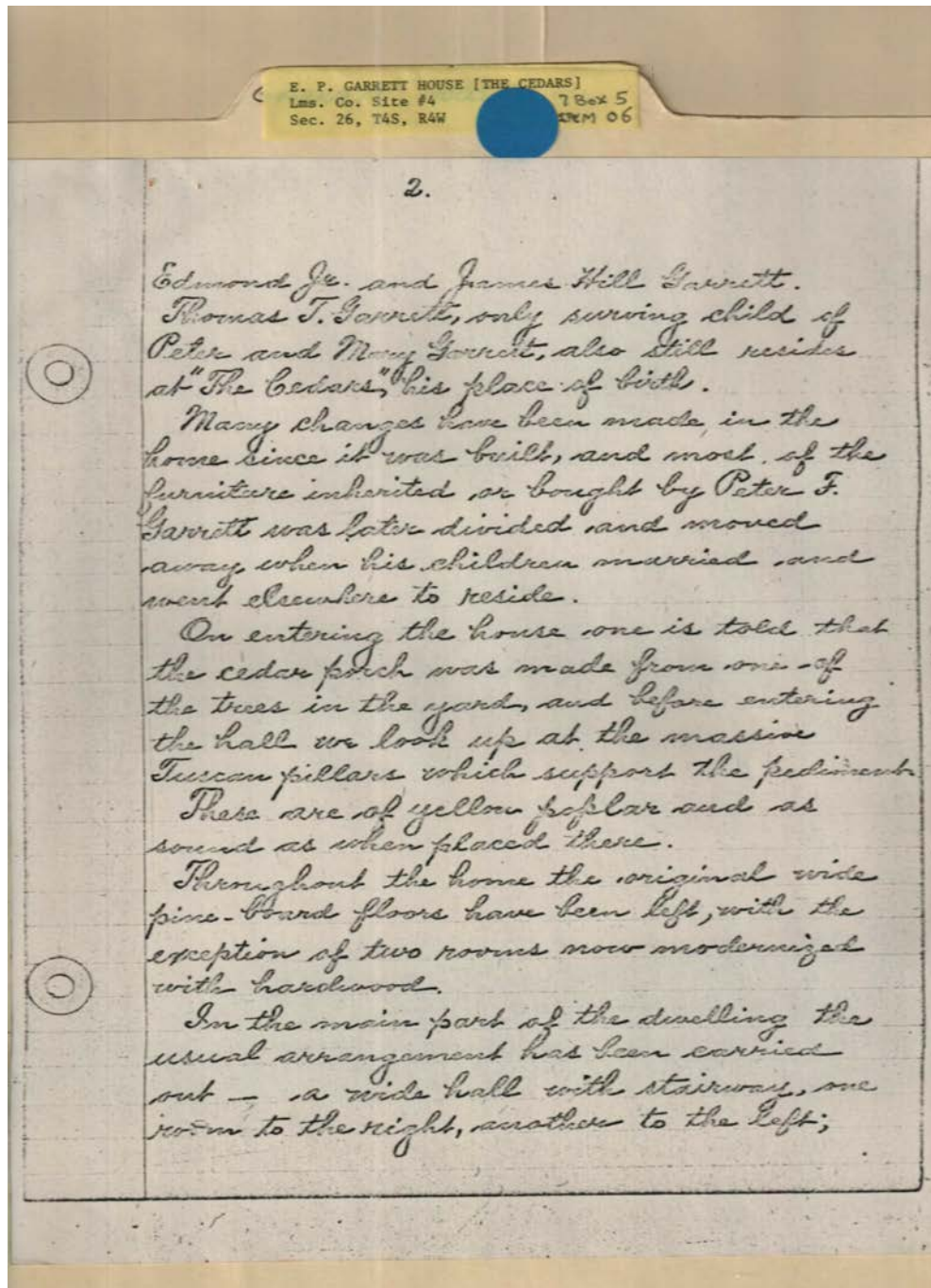
Mason, Mary E.
Peete, Mary

Types:

history

Dates:

1940



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Names:

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

Garrett, Edmond, Jr.
Garrett, James Hill

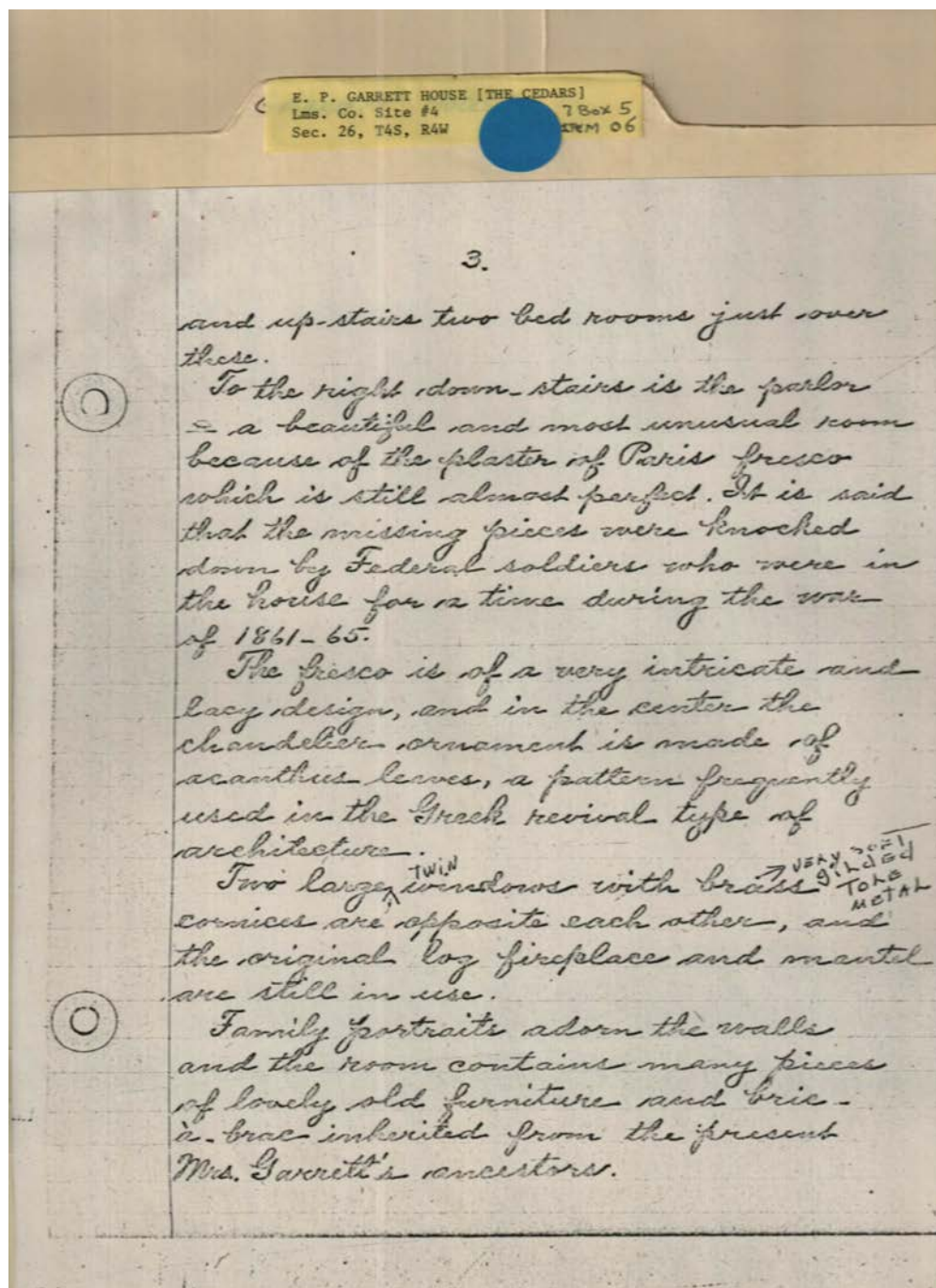
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Garrett, Peter F.

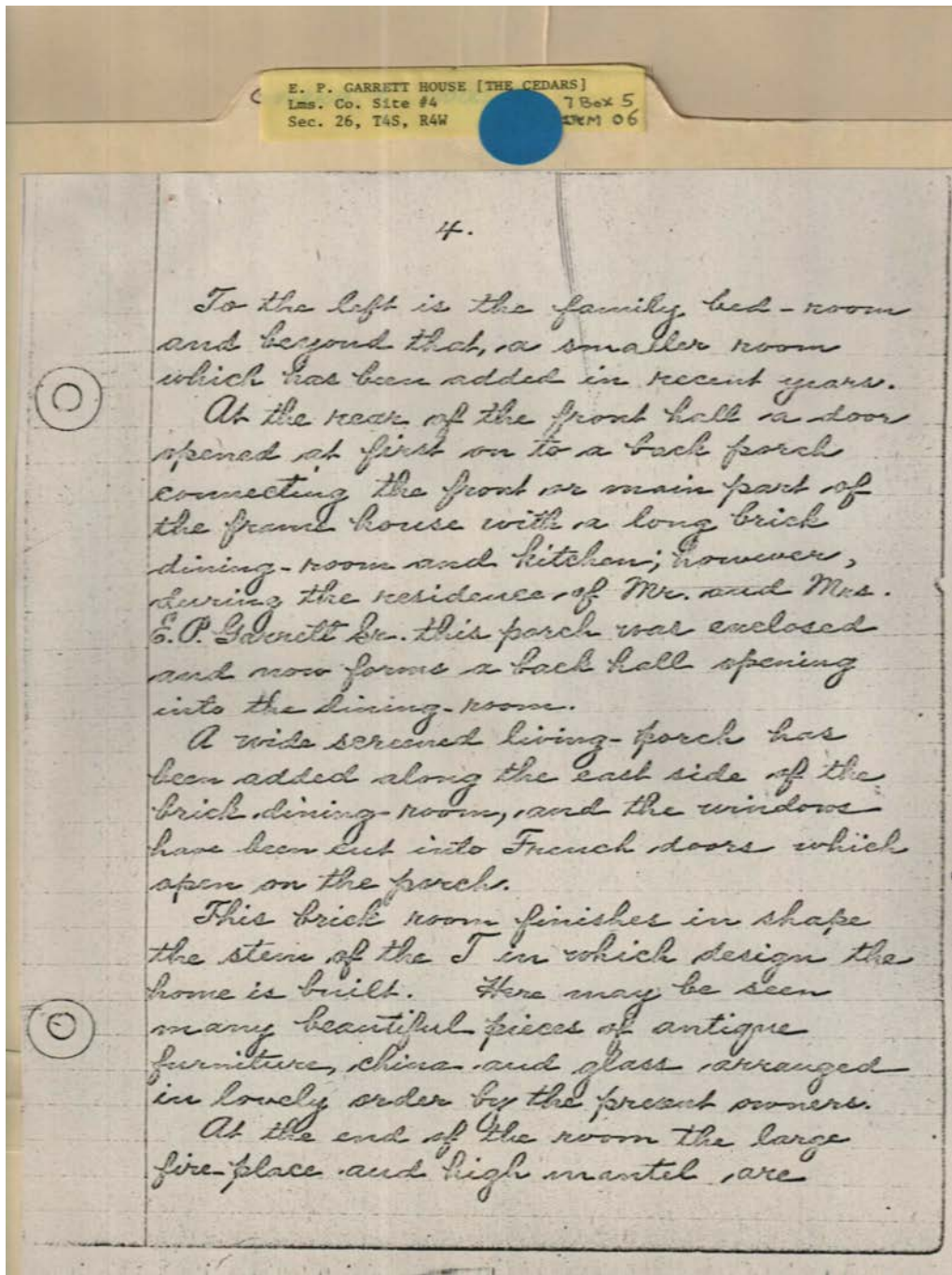
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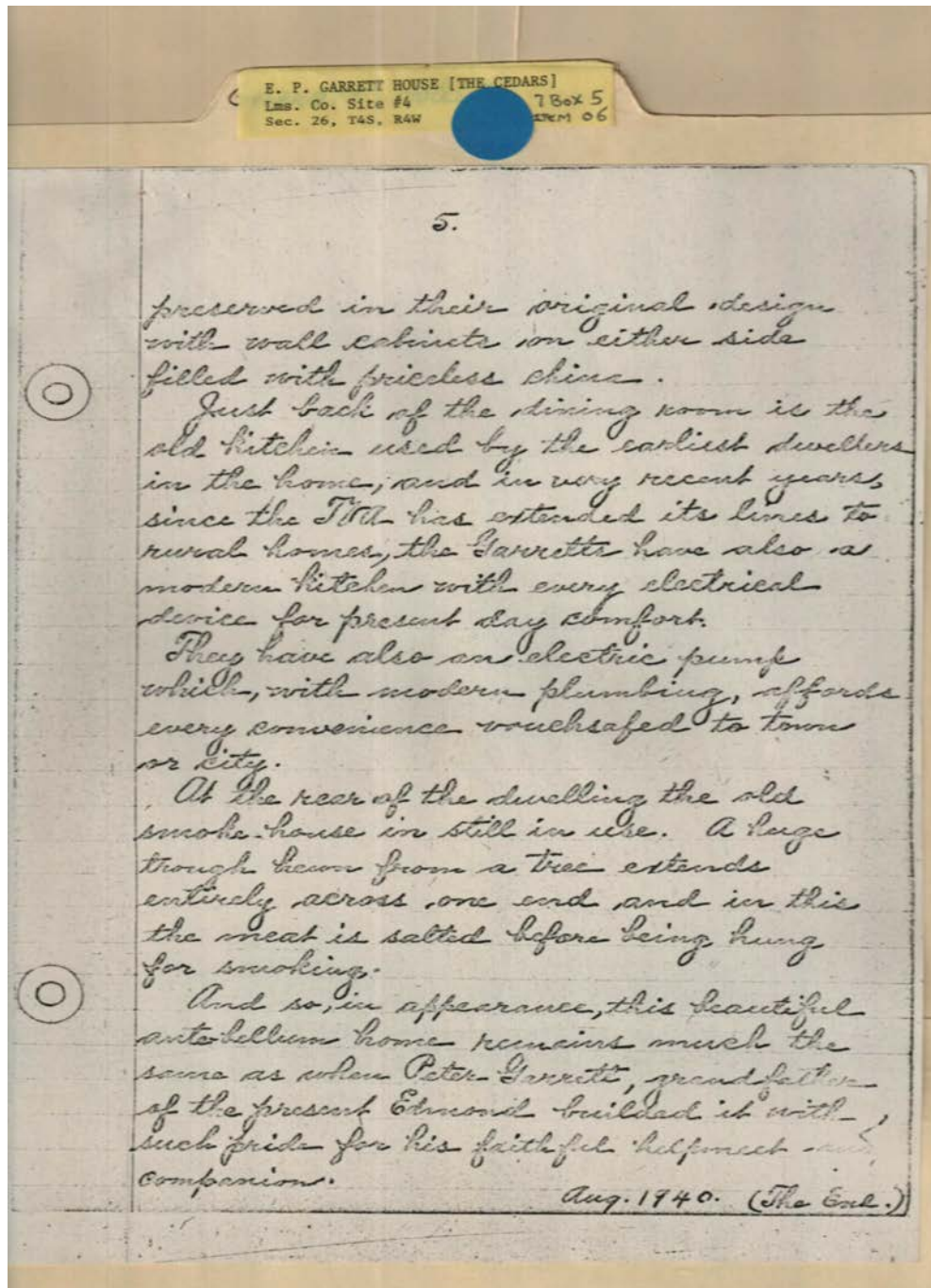
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Peter, Sr.

Types:

history

Dates:

1940



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Names:

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Garrett, Peter

Types:

history

Dates:

1940

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Names:

Ante-Bellum Home

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

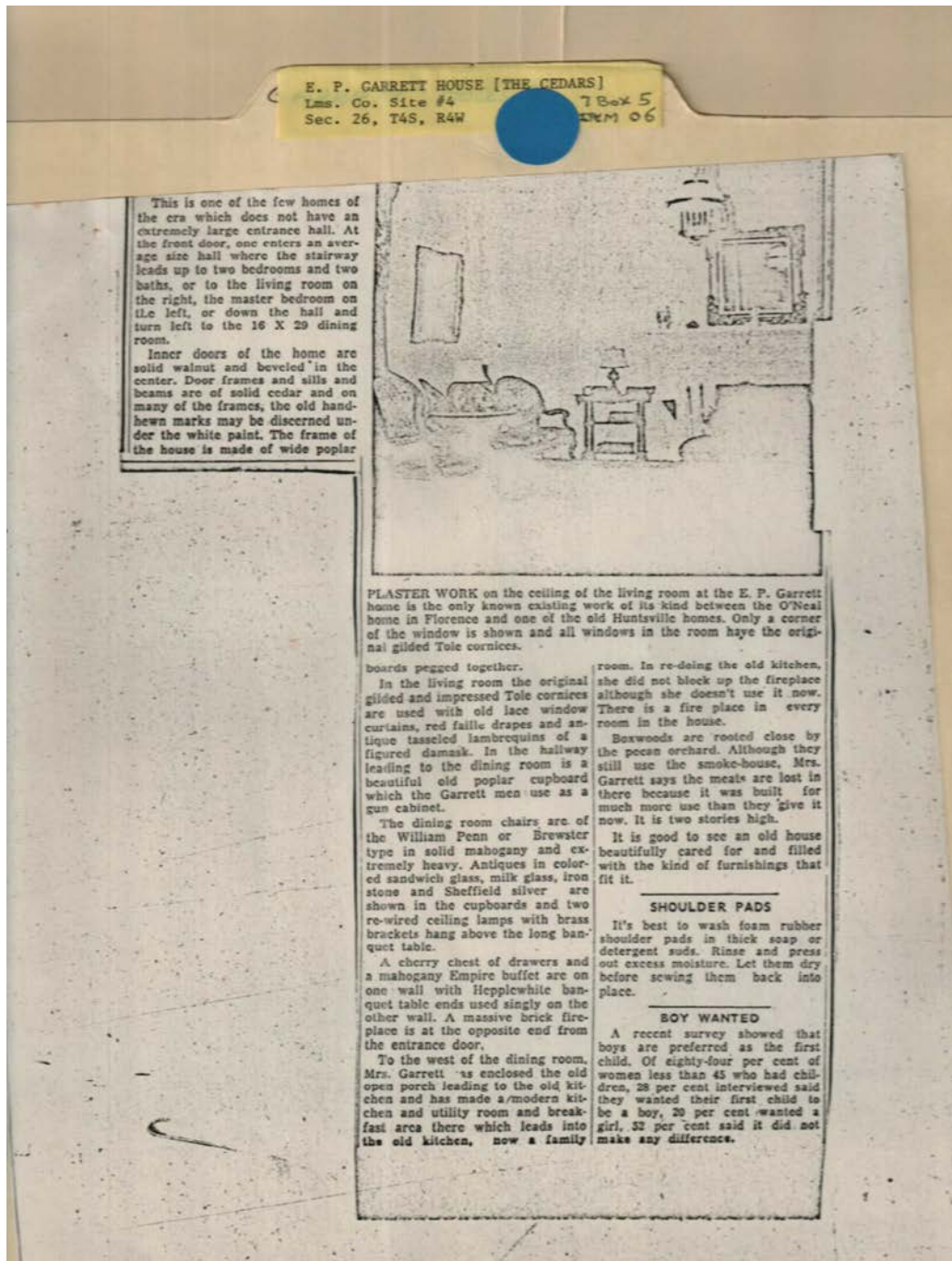
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Garrett, Peter F.

Places:

Decatur, AL

Types:

newspaper article



Names:

Garrett Home - The
Cedars

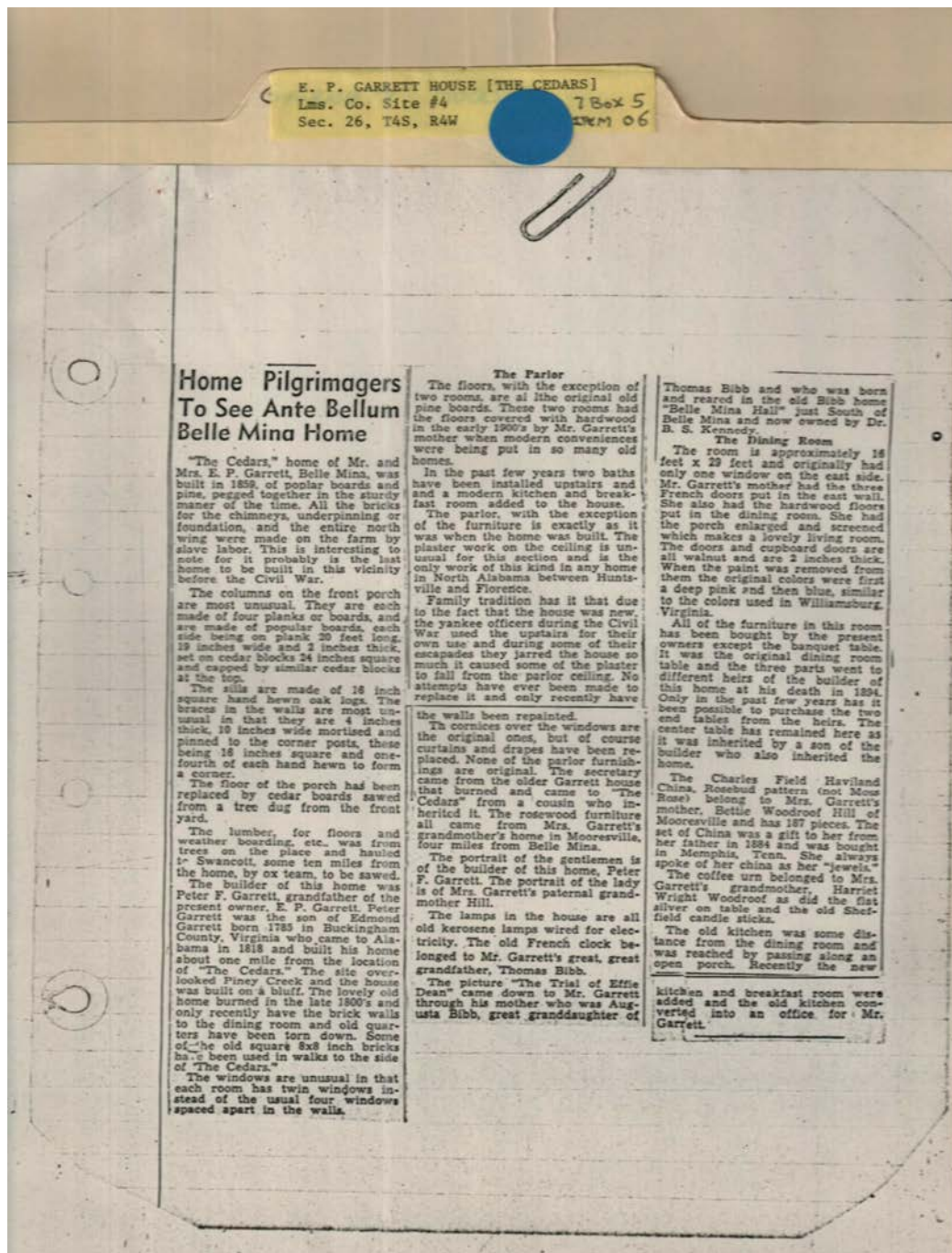
Garrett, Edmond P.

Places:

Decatur, AL

Types:

newspaper article



Names:

Bibb, Augusta
Bibb, Thomas
Garrett Home - The
Cedars

Garrett, Edmond
Garrett, Edmond P.,
Mr. & Mrs.
Garrett, Peter F.

Hill, Bettie Woodroof
Kennedy, B. S., Dr.
Pilgrimage - Ante
Bellum Home

Woodroof, Harriet
Wright

Places:

Belle Mina,
Limestone Co., AL

Types:

newspaper article

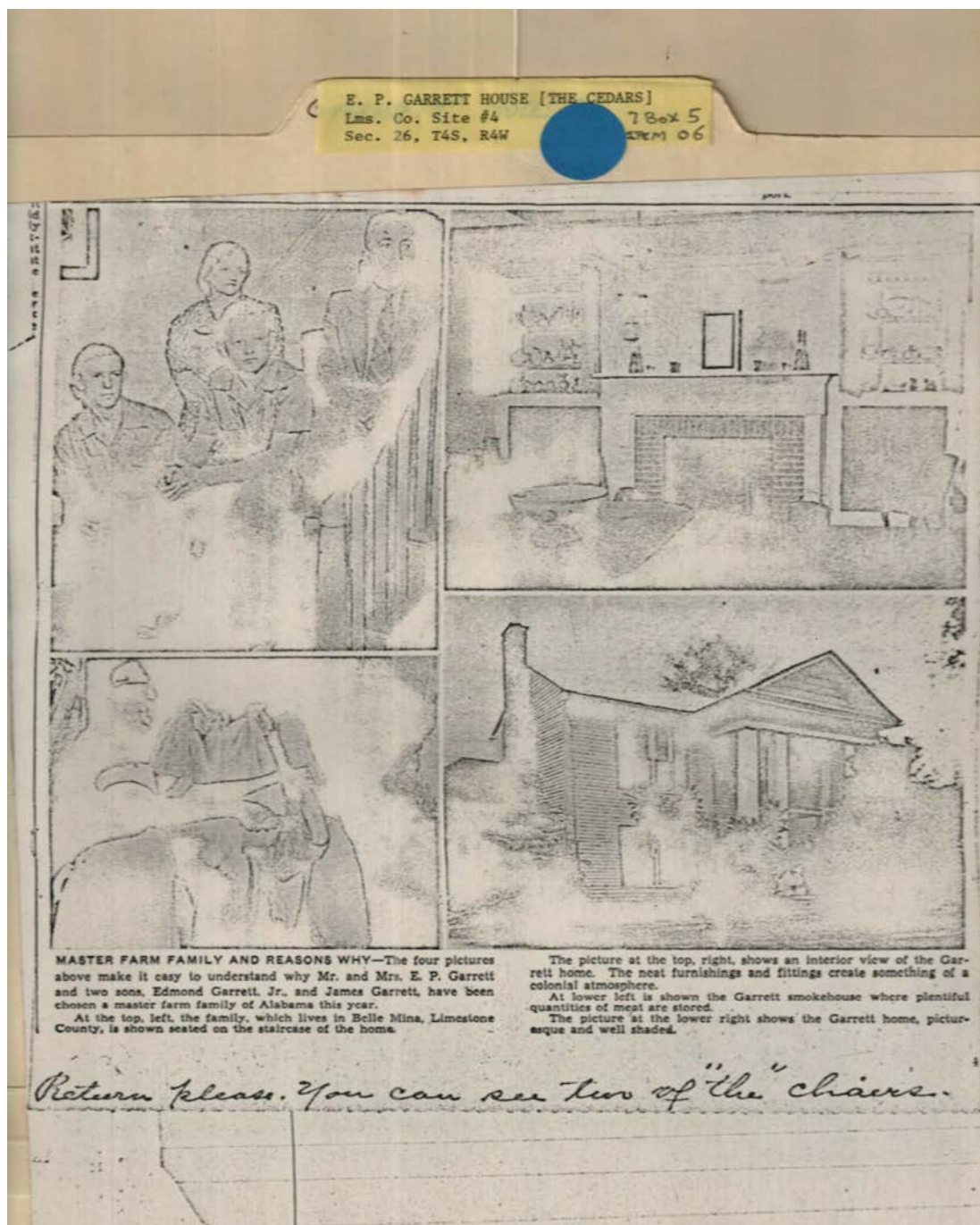
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1950

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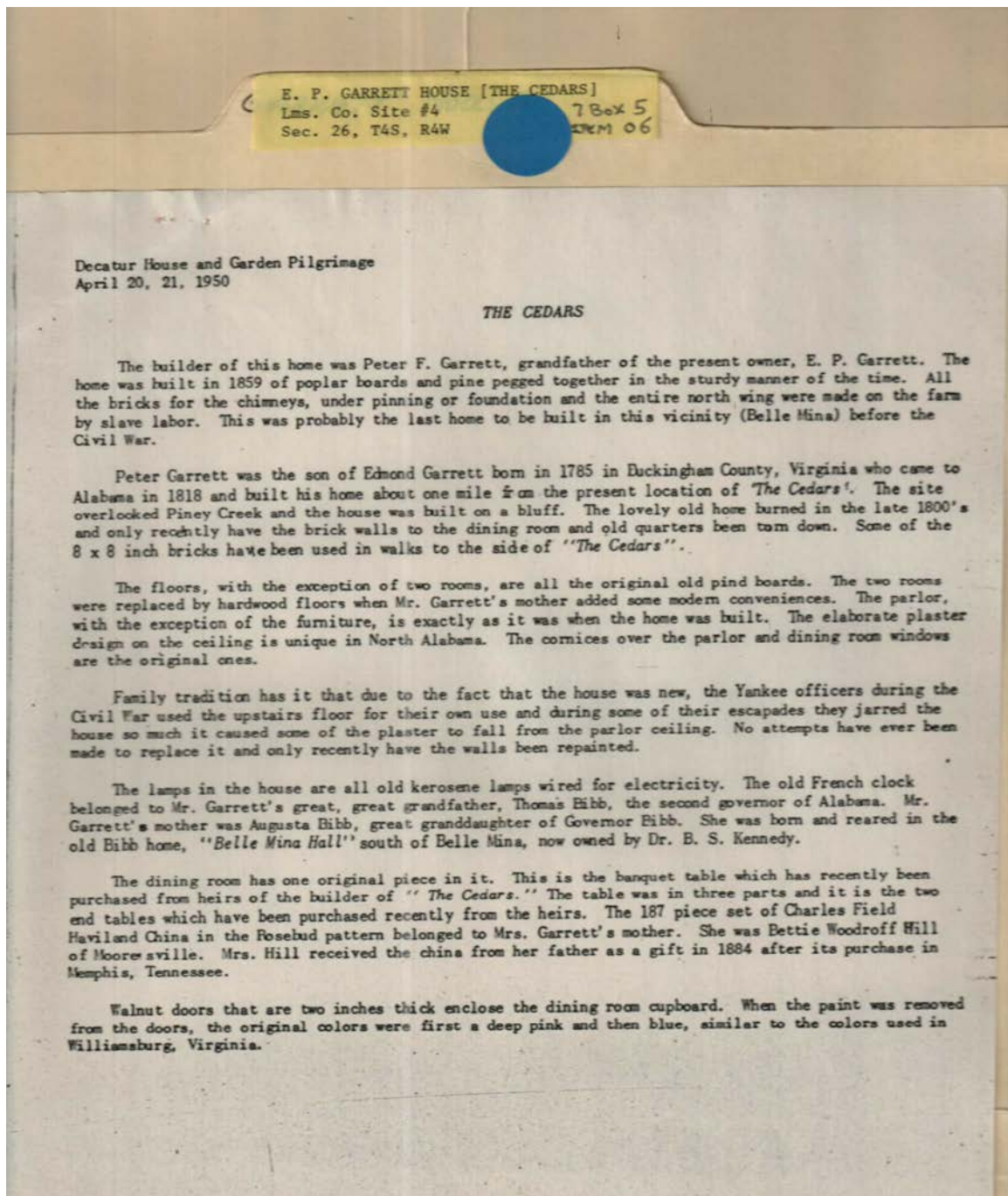
Garrett Home - The
Cedars

Garrett, Edmond P.,
Mr. & Mrs.

Garrett, Edmond, Jr.
Garrett, James

Types:

newspaper
photographs



Names:

Bibb, Augusta	Garrett, Edmond P.	House & Garden	The Cedars
Bibb, Thomas	Garrett, Peter F.	Pilgrimage	
Garrett, Edmond	Hill, Bettie Woodroff	Kennedy, B. S., Dr.	

Places:

Decatur, AL

Types:

article

Dates:

April 20, 1950

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