

Names:

Freeman, Thomas

McCrary Home

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

inventory

MCCRARY HOUSE 7Bx4
 Mds. Co. Mdnl. Site #2
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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)

1. NAME
 COMMON: McCrary home
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Sec. 26, T2, R1E; northeast of Huntsville, via
 USHwy 431 north, east on Winchester Rd., north 1st on Riverton Rd.
 CITY OR TOWN:
 STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Madison 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"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: Miss Alice McCrary Thomas telephone 828-4755
 STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. #5 Box 142
 CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
 Madison County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: 1) Madison County Historical Inventory
 2) TARCOC survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1) 1968 2) 1974 ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 History Department, University of Alabama in Huntsville
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 University Drive
 CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE:

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 ENTRY NUMBER
 DATE

Names:

McCrary Home

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 Historic Places

TARCOG Historic
 Survey

Thomas, Alice
 McCrary, Miss

Places:

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Types:

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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)			(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

One and one-half story brick residence, solid masonry construction. Gable roof with three interior chimneys. Windows have six panes over six. Original woodwork Federal and Greek Revival.

Original house had two-story Federal plan of two rooms with connecting hall on each floor.

In 1820 a one and one-half story brick wing was added to the rear, with four windows on each side and an end exterior chimney. This wing stands today, with original windows, six over six, lintels, shutters, etc. intact.

In the very early Victorian era the two-story section was rebuilt in its present plan, essentially one floor. Materials from the original house were used throughout.

In 1970 renovation took place, replacing the old kitchen with a "keeping room", all in keeping with the rest of the house. This work was done by Floyd M. Rutledge for the present owner, Miss Alice M. Thomas. One-story, frame, gable roof, with early-type gutters and downspouts, modern window sash, six over nine panes, shutters, and all contribute to the overall design.

Entry porch and large screened porch on the side were added about 1900.

Names:

Rutledge, Floyd M.

Thomas, Alice M.,
Miss

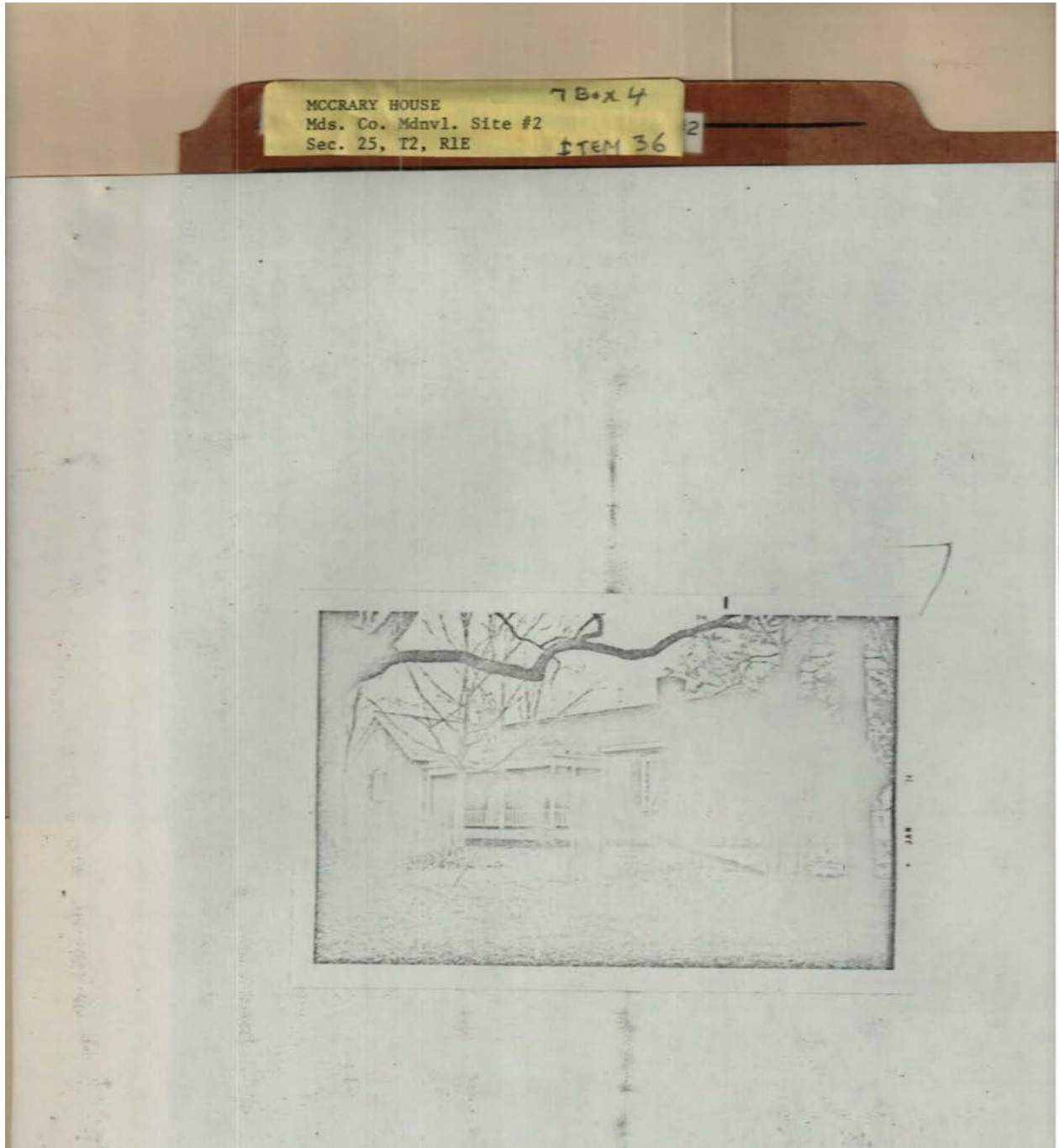
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Types:

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Places:
Madison County, AL

Types:
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM (Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)		
1. NAME COMMON: McCrary home AND/OR HISTORIC:		STATE: Alabama COUNTY: Madison FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:
2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: Sec. 26, T2, R1E; northeast of Huntsville, via US hwy 131 north, east on Winchester Road, north 1 1/2 mi on Riverton Rd. CITY OR TOWN:		
STATE: Alabama CODE:	COUNTY: Madison CODE:	
3. MAP REFERENCE SOURCE: SCALE: DATE:		
4. REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS 1. Property boundaries where required. 2. North arrow. 3. Latitude and longitude reference.		

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE		7 Box 4 ITEM 36
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM (Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)		
1. NAME COMMON: McCrary home AND/OR HISTORIC:		STATE: Alabama COUNTY: Madison FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:
2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: Sec. 26, T2, R1E; northeast of Huntsville, via US hwy 131 north, east on Winchester Rd., north 1 1/2 mi. CITY OR TOWN:		
STATE: Alabama CODE:	COUNTY: Madison CODE:	
3. PHOTO REFERENCE PHOTO CREDIT: Thomas and Hendricks, TARCO? fielddsurveyors DATE OF PHOTO: December, 1973 NEGATIVE FILED AT: TARCO?; Central Bank Bldg, Huntsville, Ala.		
4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Front elevation		

Names:

Hendricks,

McCrary Home

Thomas,

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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B. 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"/> Taxonomy	
<input 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/Humanitarian	
<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>According to family papers and traditions, the house was built about 1814. It is known that the land patent was issued to Thomas Freeman in 1809. Freeman, a surveyor, had been given a federal appointment to act as re-surveyor and apparently bought land for several people at the sale. The land on which the house stands was acquired for Thomas McCrary, in whose family it remains today.</p> <p>The original house was added to about 1830, then re-modeled about 1868-70, and renovated in 1926 with another addition made at that time. The house has never been out of the McCrary family.</p> <p>The house is an important architectural example of the homes of the early settlers of Madison County, at least, the affluent ones. McCrary was born in Charleston, S. Ca. January 17, 1789. His first wife, Betsy Wright, whom he married in 1812, died in 1821. McCrary then married her cousin, Nancy Wright in 1823. Nancy lived till 1895. Thomas McCrary became very wealthy, owning thousands of acres, three hundred slaves, tanyards and other businesses in the area. In 1859 he was a member of the firm of McCrary, Patterson, and Sprague, grocers, rope manufacturers, and operators of a cotton mill, according to the first directory of Huntsville. According to family traditions he taught each slave a trade in addition to their agricultural utility. Thomas McCrary was a member of the court of County Commissioners of roads and revenue from 1856-1863.</p>			

Names:

Freeman, Thomas

McCrary, Patterson,
& Sprague

McCrary, Thomas
Wright, Betsy

Wright, Nancy

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Virgil Carrington (Pat), True Tales of Old Madison County, Johnson Historical Publication, 6111 Belgrade, Huntsville, Alabama, reprint.

Record, James, A Dream Come True, Hicklin Printine Co, Huntsville, Alabama, 1970.

Huntsville Directory, Huntsville: Coltart & son, 1859, reprinted Strode Publishers, Huntsville, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	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	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
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:	
Mrs. Leroy A. Simms, Historical Research Coordinator	
ORGANIZATION:	DATE:
TARCOG	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Central Bank Building, Suite 350	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Huntsville	Alabama
	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 _____

GPO 901.087

Names:

Coltart & Son

Jones, Virgil
Carrington

Record, James

Simms, Leroy, A.,
Mrs.

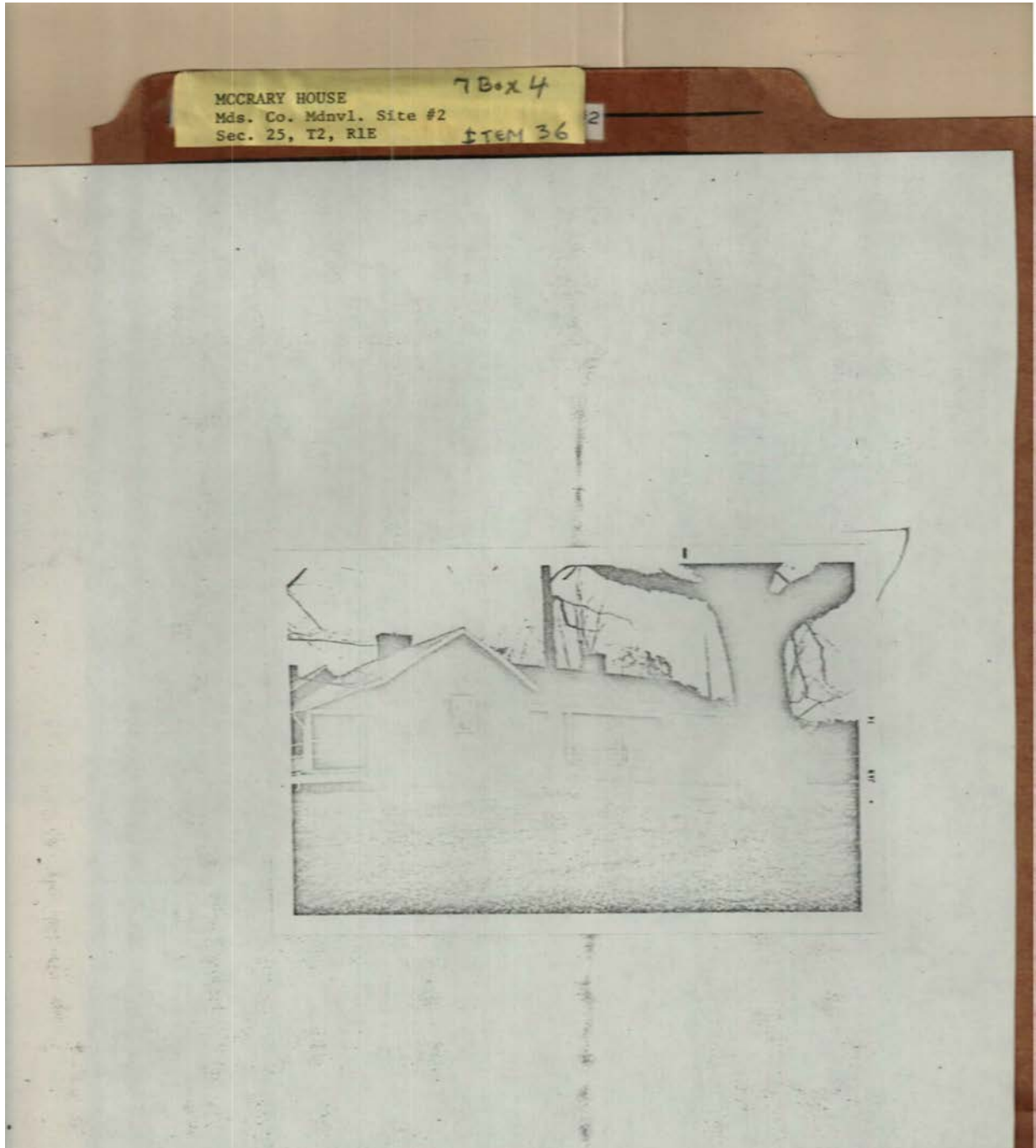
Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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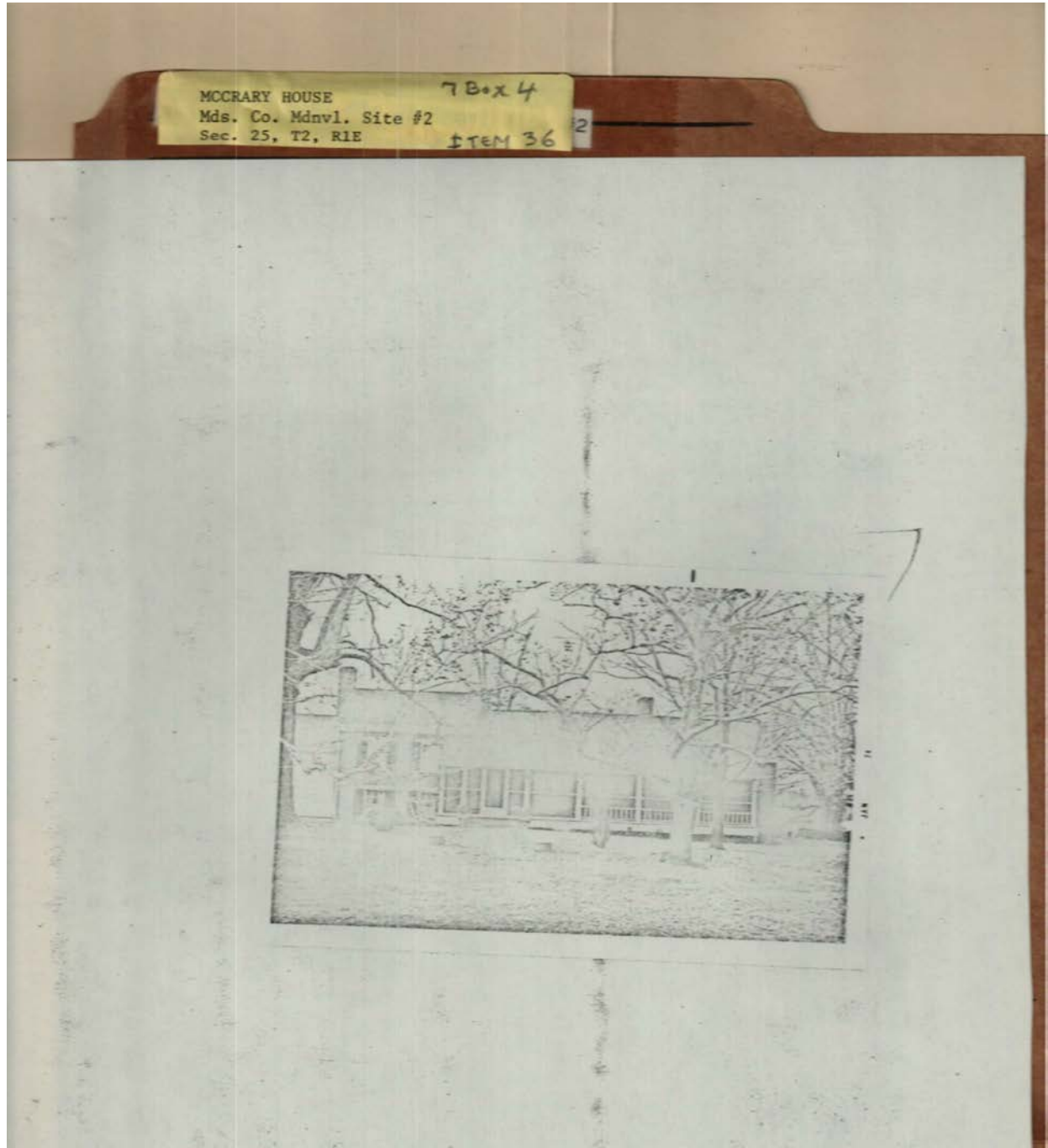


Names:
McCrary Home

Places:
Madison County, AL

Types:
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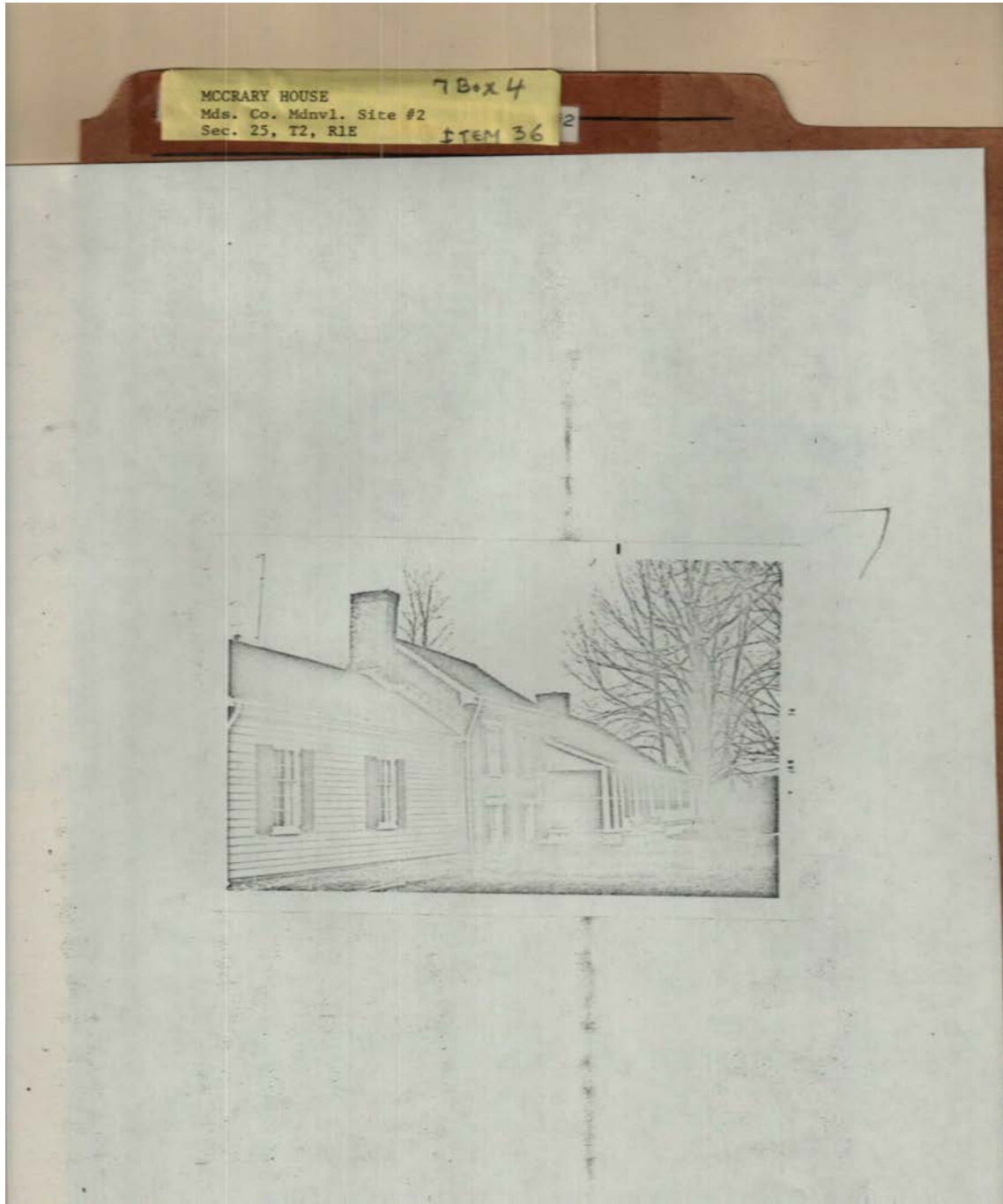


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Places:
Madison County, AL

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8. Condition: Excellent

9. Present Use: Residence

10. Areas of Significance:

11. Architectural Description: Originally 2-story brick ca 1814. 1 1/2 story brick
cell built 1820 still stands. ca. 1868 2-story section rebuilt to 1 story
using handmade brick and windows & doors. Plantation store & smoke house
still stand. In 1970 renovation in keeping with original architecture as
"Deeping House"

details →

Patent to Thomas Freeman who acquired it
1809 - Land grant to McCrary family. for Thomas McCrary

Land title →

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: _____

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Names:

Freeman, Thomas

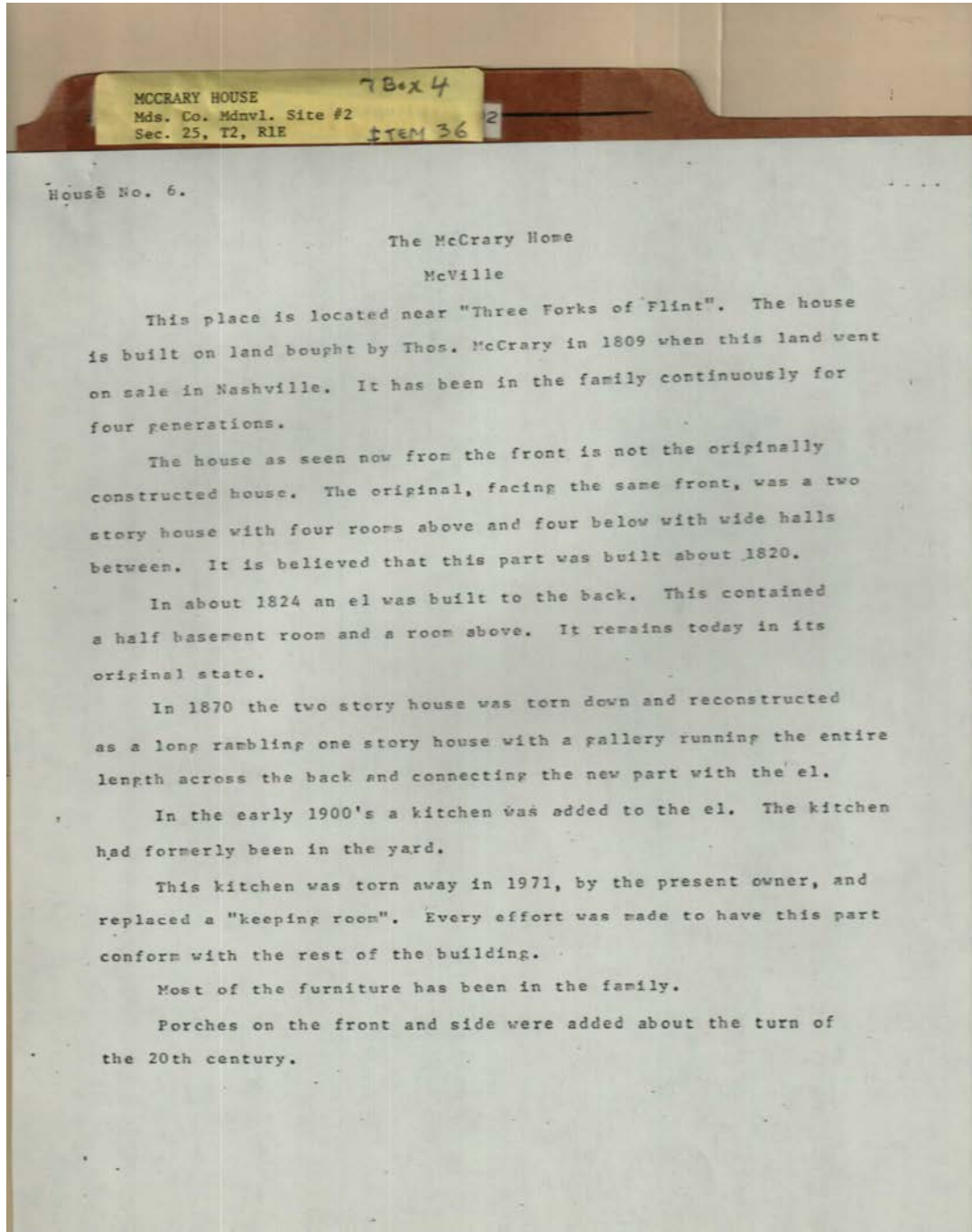
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Names:

McCrary, Thomas

McVile

The McCrary Home

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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 Sec. 25, T2, R1E

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TARCOG
 HISTORICAL NOTES
 HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR
 VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Madison
 Coordinator's Name: Martha H. Simms
 Historical Notes Number: 32
 (Red Ink)
 Photograph Record Number: 2, 3, 4 Roll 2
 (Blue Ink)

1. Name: McCrary Home

2. Location: 12 miles

3. Classification: near 3 hrs. dist. on old highway Bill now Route 60 (the highway at 3 hrs. dist.)
Building used as home

4. Owner of Property: Miss Alice McCrary Thomas phone 228-4755
Miss Lucy McCrary 281-1701
Rt 5 Box 142
Huntsville, Ala. 35811

5. Location of Legal Description: Madison County Courthouse

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Names:

McCrary Home
 Simms, Martha H.
 Thomas, Alice
 McCrary, Miss

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys: Madison County Historical Inventory
377 El-2 Mayville, 1968

7. Description: Originally 2 story brick front section (ca. 1814) now altered (1869)
rebuilt of original materials into one story. Original 1 1/2 story brick
all built ca. 1820 still stands. As do st. plantation store and smokehouse
1970 renovation in keeping with original. Excellent condition.
In 1970 kitchen torn away and renovation in keeping with original
contains a ^{ca. 1900} ^{included 2nd story} ^{in 1971} ^{Keating} room.
Porches added ca. 1900.

8. Historical Significance
 A. Period: ca. 1814

B. Specific Dates: 1809 land grant to McCrary family / and patent to
Thos. Freeman who acquired it for Thos. McCrary.
ca. 1830 1 1/2 story etc added at once and still unchanged.

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Names:

Freeman, Thomas

Madison County
 Historical Survey

McCrary, Thomas

Places:

Madison County, AL

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8. Historical Significance (continued)

C. Areas of Significance: Architectural
Historical

D. Statement of Significance:

Home of early cotton planter. Has been in same family since father purchased in 1849. McCrary entered three grants of land, including the house site, in 1849. Became very wealthy, owned thousands of acres, a large estate at Meridianville and purchased new Meridianville, also 1859 was a member of family of McCrary, Patterson and Sprague, grows, large mansions and operates a cotton mill. Taught every male slave a trade.

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Names:

McCrary,

McCrary, Patterson,
& Sprague

Places:

Madison County, AL

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9. Specific Bibliographical Reference: Jones, Virgil Carrington (Pat),
Area Index of Old Madison County, Johnson Historical Publications,
6111 Bulgrade Ave, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama
Huntsville History
Memorandum

10. Verified Geographical Data: _____

Date of Completion: _____

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Names:

Jones, Virgil
Carrington

Places:

Madison County, AL

Types:

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TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Madison
Field Surveyors' Names: _____
Historical Notes Number: _____
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: _____
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: McCrary (Thos) home

2. Location: _____

3. Owner of Property: _____

4. Geographical Data: _____

5. Acreage: _____

6. Classification: _____

7. Integrity: _____

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Names:

McCrary, Thomas
(Home)

Places:

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8. Condition:

9. Present Use:

10. Areas of Significance:

11. Architectural Description:

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion:

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McCrary, Thomas
(Home)

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