


C. 1840
 BENJAMIN
 UNDERWOOD
 - AUTAUGA CO.

Given 1840
 Benjamin Underwood Jnr
 Autauga Co. Al.
 before move in 1885
 Federal Period
 (c. 1830) "I" type house 

in Montgomery AL. vicinity
 1989 Copie (HS) of c. 1980
 color photos by the contractor
 Jim Littleford of Selma, AL.
 who dismantled, moved &
 re-erected the house.

Was not "restored" but was
 "renovated" (chimneys &
 box-carriage ends, for example,
 were changed). A large
 addition was made to the rear
 on the new site. "After" photos
 were not copied here.

Compass directions of plan not available



orig. 5th



being dismantled





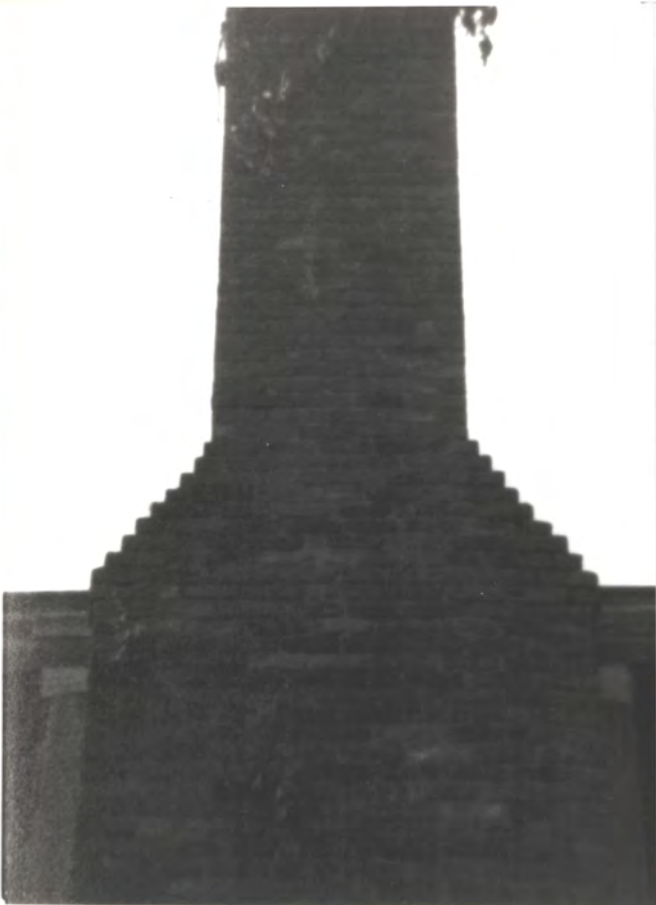
being dismantled



being re-erected on new site
(great addn = new corner)

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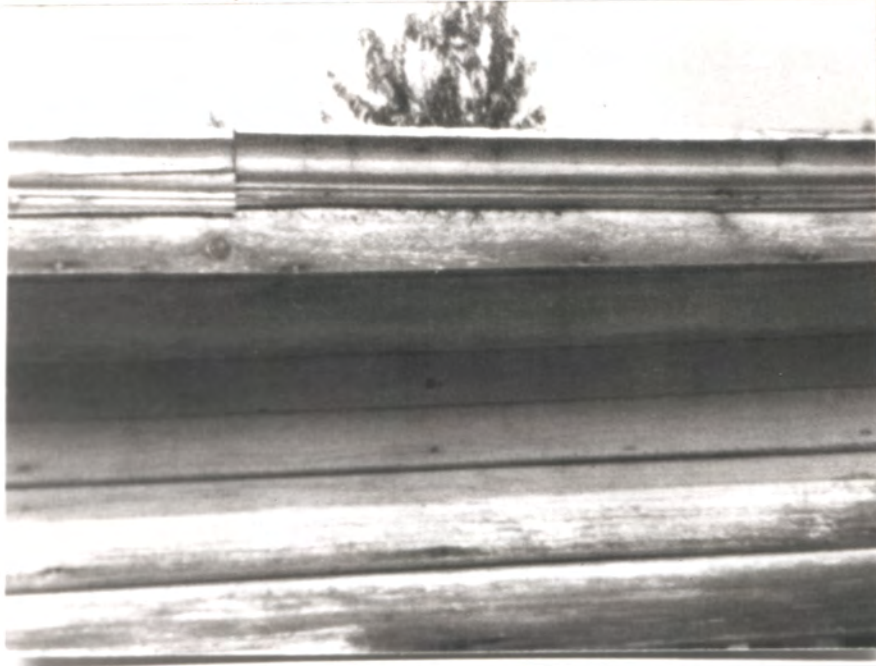




note 2 courses project $\pm 5/8"$ at shoulder
 = typical 1800-1850 detail



The [unclear] [unclear]



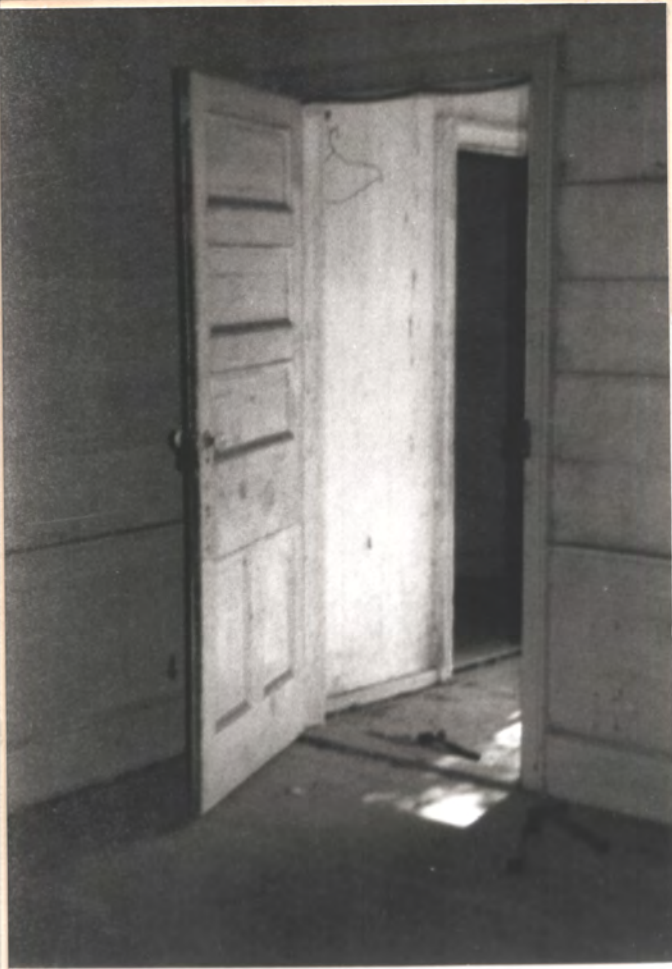
AF box - cornice



Window opening



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Window sill



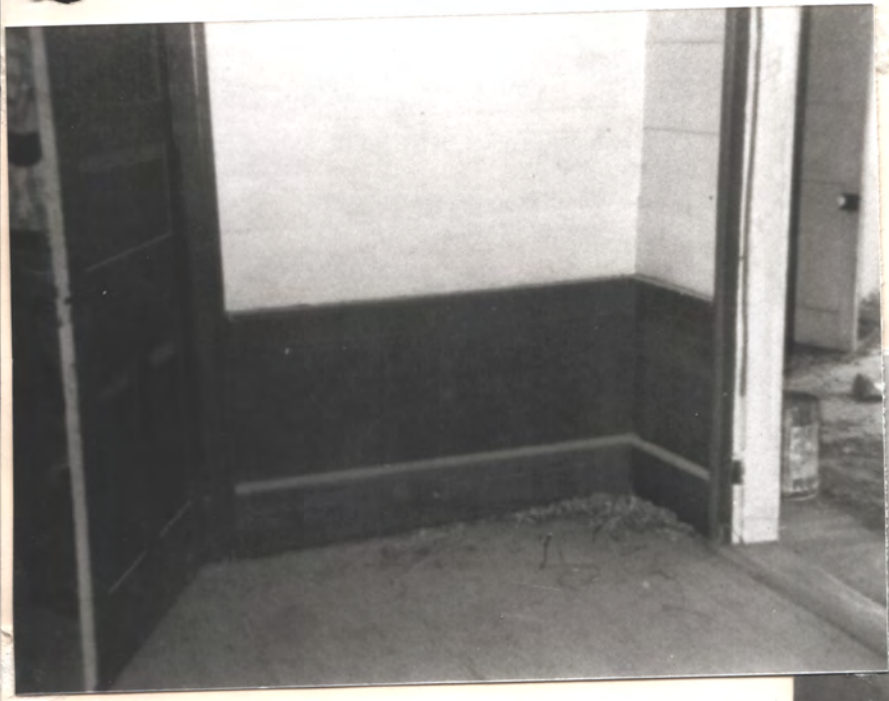
Fl. (re-erected at new site
w/ modern conc. block Frdn)

Door probably original.
This lockset = late Vic

short Door to clos.
under stair →



Not chair rail, bd. walls



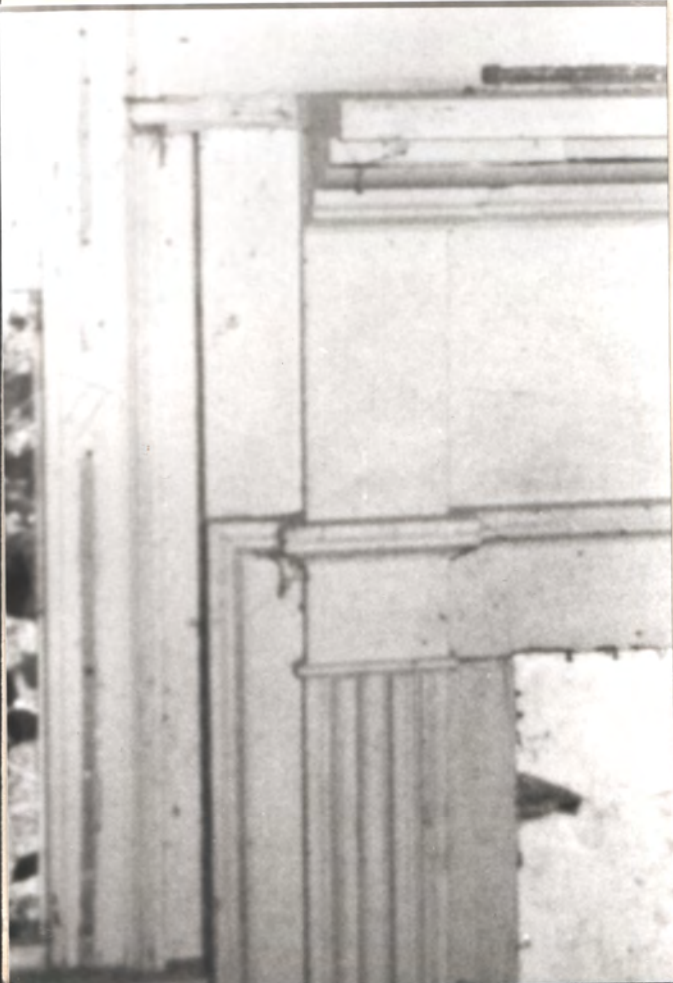
bd. ceil →
1st fl

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later was
sawed - off.



1st fl., mental "C"

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Lamb's tongue
Chamfered
(only at one
corner unusual)

NEWEL



Stair balustrade

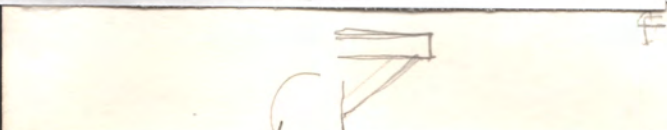
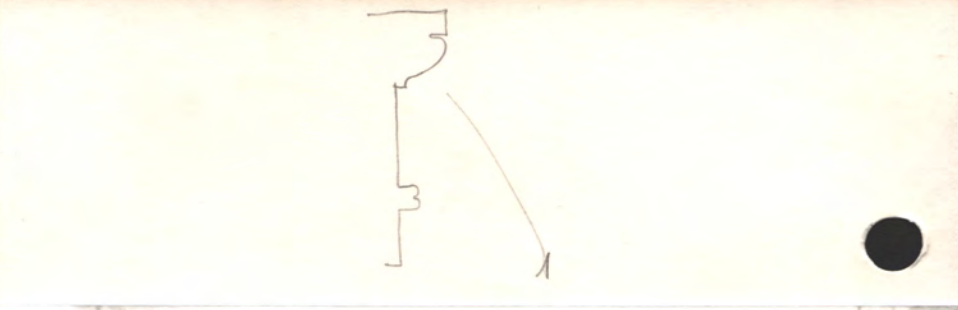


1st fl. mantel (see pg 6)



2nd fl. walls (boards)

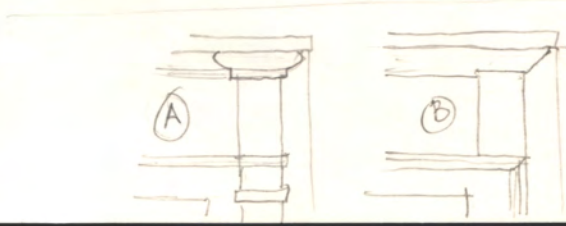




First fl., mantel "A"
Was this a cooking F.P.? Very wide.
Sides are arched, indicating "not for cooking".

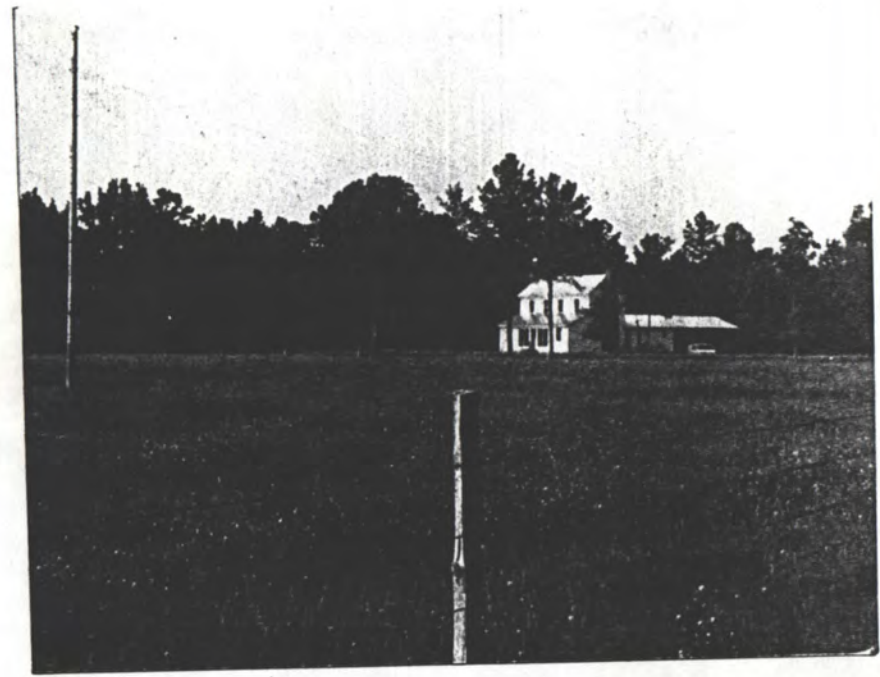


2nd fl., mantel "B"

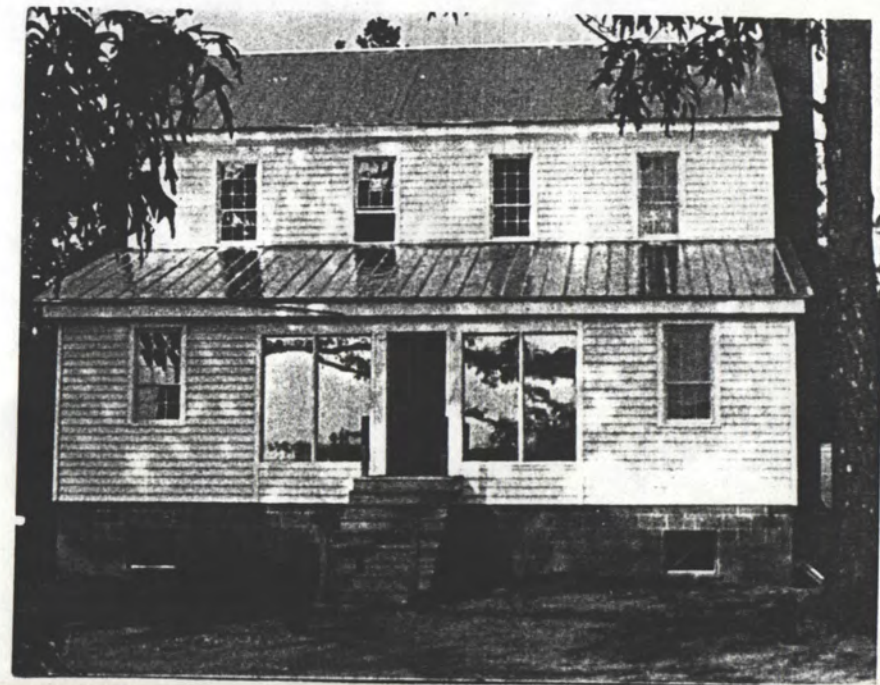


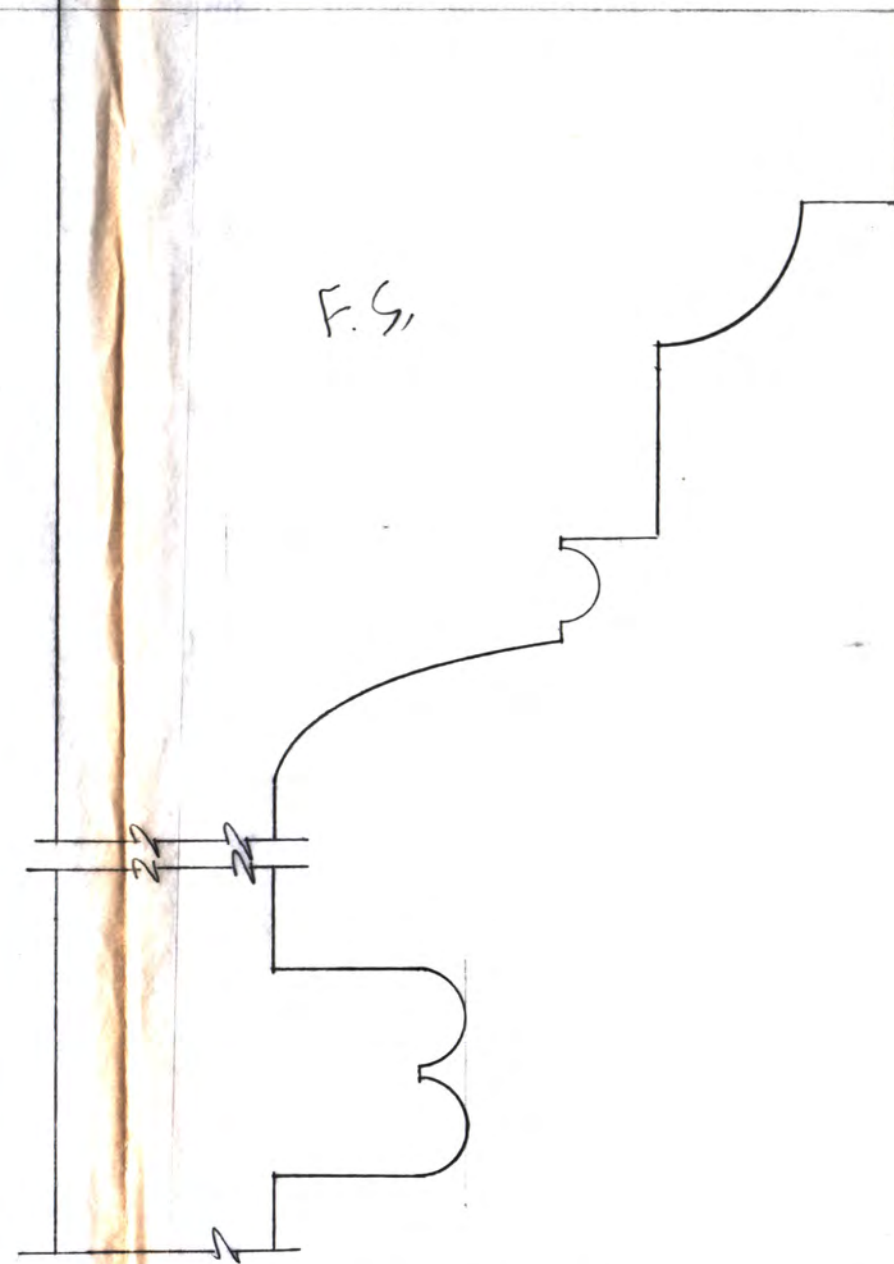
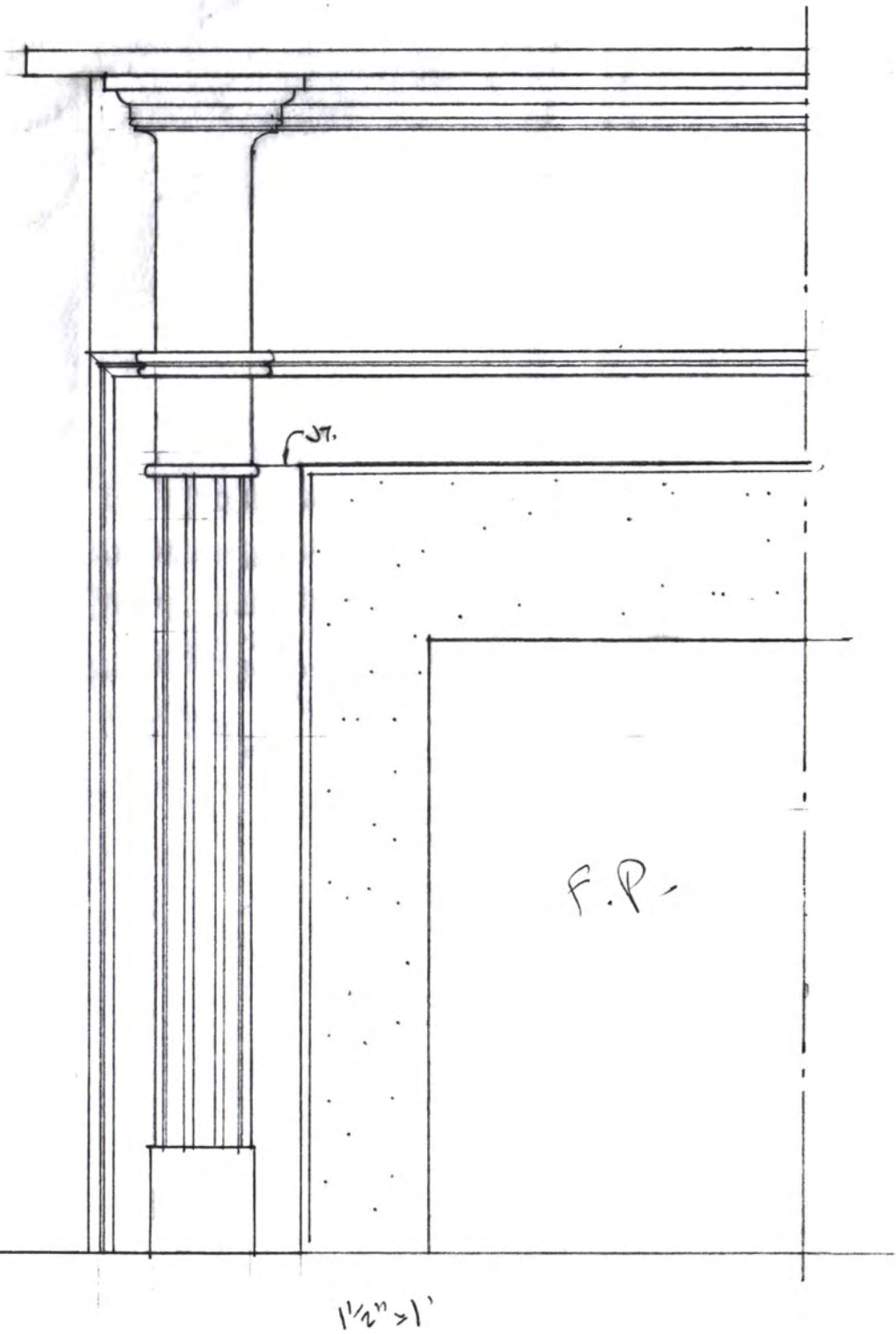
"I" house moved & renovated by Contr. Jim Littleford of Selma. See attached photos.
Many details not accurate, per Littleford's "pro-move" photos (chimneys, roof trim)

c1840 Benjamin Underwood



Jim Littleford, with son c.1830 "I" house (Gillis Payne)
proceeding was also showed & mentioned this similar
was not a part.





Conjectural Mantel Details based on fuzzy photos
 11 Aug 89 HJ
 Benj. Underwood H&C
 w. of Mant.
 (1st fl., Parlor)





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Dear Harvie:

Perhaps you will have heard from the Paynes by the time this reaches you. The Parmer-Murrell House transfer has now been completed and they appear eager to move ahead. Anne Payne told me last week that they hope to put the concrete pads for the foundation piers in place as soon as it dries out. You will also be pleased to learn that she has accepted your proposal for the "tight" upstairs bathroom (3' - 6' wide).

The Autauga County house about which you inquired (the one Jim Littleford dismantled) is the Benjamin Underwood House (circa 1840). It stood originally in the Mulberry community about 8 miles east of Autaugaville and one mile N of Ala. 14 on the east side of County Road 9. It was dismantled, moved, and rebuilt in altered form by Jimmy and Gladys Elliott, the current owners, in 1985 (Gladys descends from the builder, Benjamin Underwood). Initially, their plans were to raze the house and simply reuse some of the materials. The current structure is situated on Autauga Co. 15 (Jones Bluff Dam Road) 3 miles south of Alabama 14, but still in the Mulberry community.

Except for the rear shed, the rebuilding preserved the plan of the original structure (see enclosed sketch), but added a large rear wing and a basement. The wide, flush board walls and interior trim were also retained.

The Elliotts would be glad to show you the house if you're ever out that way. Their telephone number is 875-3586 (Selma exchange); address: Rt. 3, Box 214 E, Selma, AL 36701.

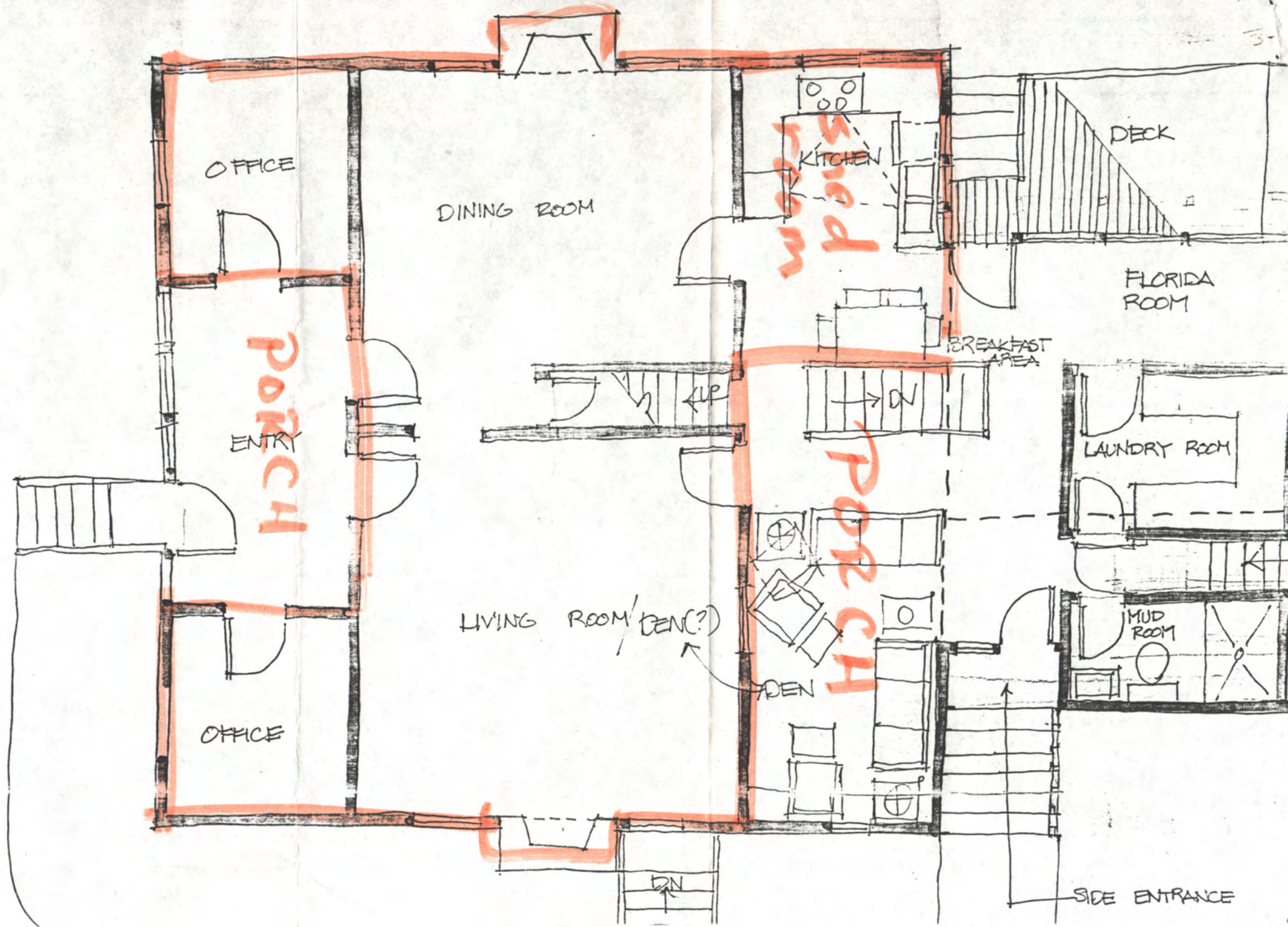
Best,

Robert Gamble
Architectural Historian

RSG/rf

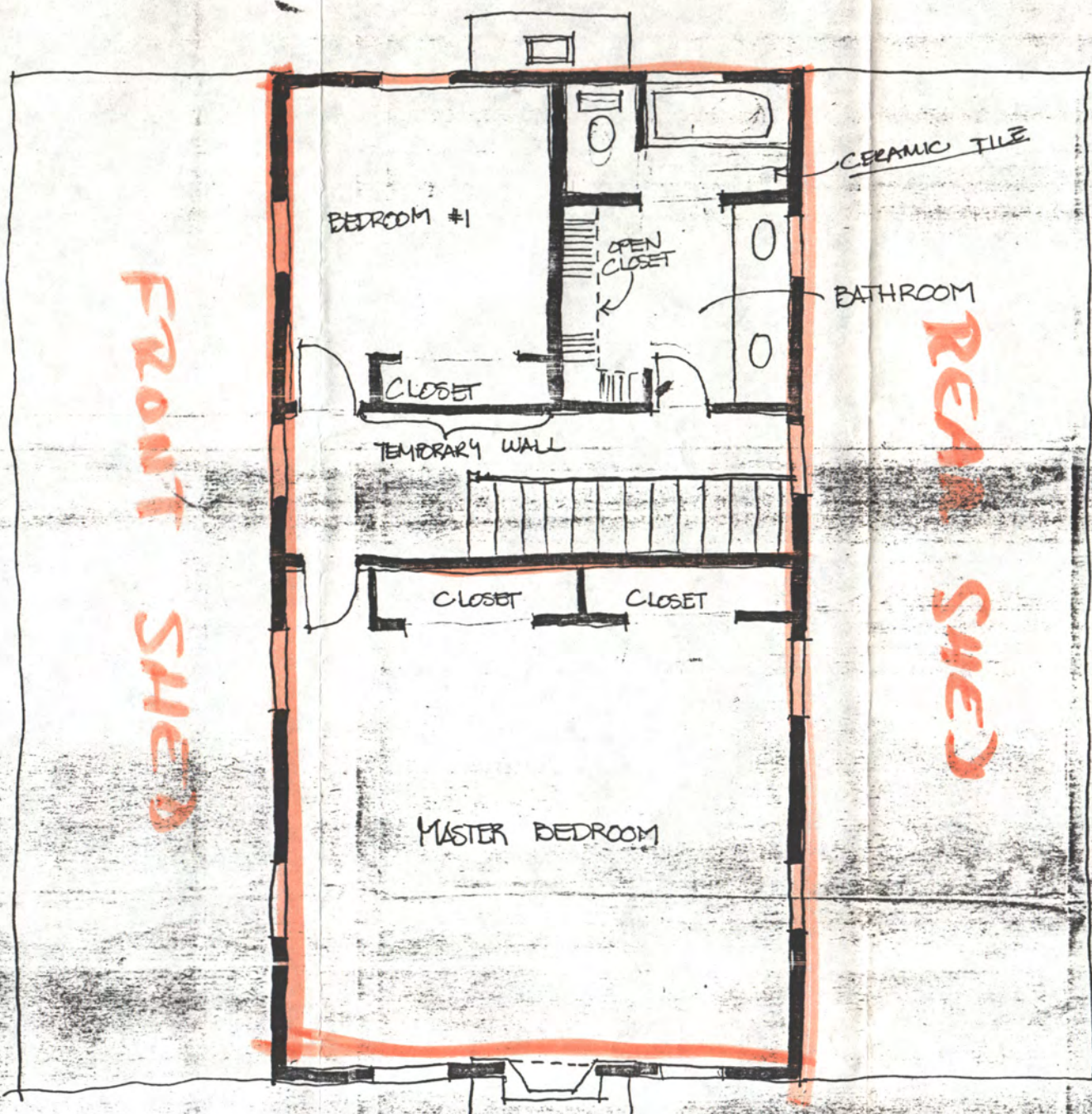
Enclosure

ORIGINAL FORM OF HOUSE
 OUTLINED IN ORANGE



3/16" = 1'

Circa 1840 Benjamin Underwood Hse
 originally in Mulberry ± 8 miles east of Anteville, AL.
 Dismantled, moved, rebuilt in altered form in 1985.
 Now in Autauga Co. Rd. 15 (Jones Bluff Dam Rd.)
 3 miles S. of Al. Rd. 14, in Mulberry community



SECOND FLOOR

Received 7 May 1984

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Antony Co, Al.
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