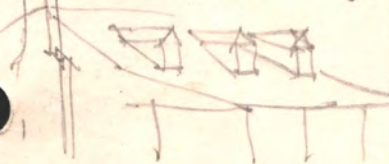


MAY HAVE HAD
3 SMALL DORMERS
AT ROOF ORIGINALLY (?)



CA. 1820
WM. COOPER HSE
410 E. 6TH. ST.
TUSCUMBIA, AL.
+ ADDN'S (SHED DORMER
LOOKS 1920'S, SIDE
BLDG. LOOKS LATE 1800'S)
FRONT PORCH MAY BE
ORIGINAL (?) ^{EVIDENCE'S}
STRONGLY _{IMPLY}

PHOTOS 1986 BY
OWNER, MRS
WARREN T. JOHNSON
1-381-0853

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SHED-DORMER
LOOKS 1920'S

CA. 1820 COOPER
HSE - TUSCUMBIA



1 of 4 ADDN (late 1800's?) N →

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shed-dormer
 1920's



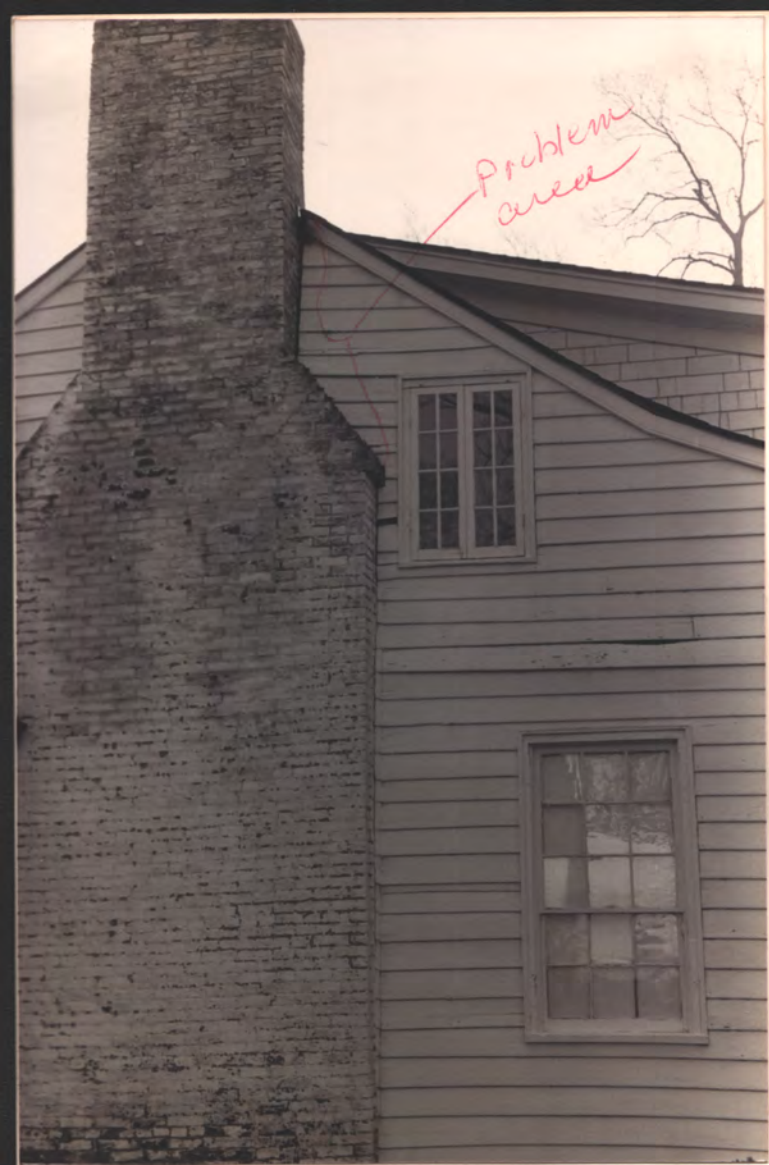
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Continuous tapered
 of bottom-banded
 fascia = typ. feat.
 + Contin. deep bills
 imply that the front
 veranda is original

c.1820 Wm Cooper Hse - Tusculum AL
 410 E. 6th St.

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April 4, 1986

Mr. Harvie Jones
104 Jefferson Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed you will find photos of the west side of my house with some showing the problem area on one side of the chimney. You will notice the arrow on one of the photos that I've drawn, pointing to the separation between the house and the chimney which has been occurring over a period of years. I have also enclosed a copy of the page in the book, Historic Muscle Shoals, published in 1962, showing the house at that time and the article about it.

We purchased the house in 1970. At that time, it was being used as a knit shop. We have had problems involving the front porch, which was heavily damaged by a drunk driver about 10 years ago, repaired, and then the entire back side of the roof, including the decking, was replaced last year. At that time, we discovered the rafters were held together by wooden pegs. The rafters were also reinforced at this time. We also discovered that a metal rod ran the length of the house connecting the chimneys at each end. The front part of the house still has 3 layers of roofing. I did not know if this could be a factor in our chimney problem or not. We could not afford to have all the roof work done at once.

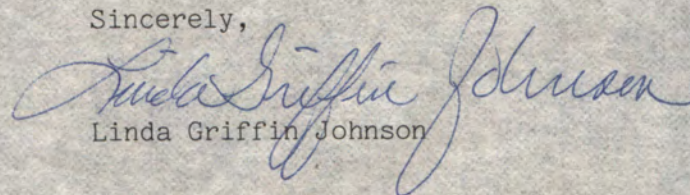
I do hope the pictures are of some help. If you need more pictures, or feel that a trip to see the house would be helpful, please let me know. Having heard so many nice things about you from Pride Tompkins and my friends, Bill and Amelia Rives in Selma, and knowing of your expertise in the field of restoration, I wanted your opinion before letting a contractor begin any work.

My address and telephone number are as follows:

Mrs. Warren Tyson Johnson
401 East 6th Street
Tuscumbia, Ala. 35674
Phone: 205-381-0853

Please call me collect at any time if you have any questions concerning the house, and let me know what I owe you for your services. Thank you so much for your help, and I certainly look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Linda Griffin Johnson

CIRCA 1965 ARTICLE

Tuscumbia can boast of as many good schools as any place in North Alabama. We have the male academy presided over by Mr. Ower, a number one teacher; a boarding and day school presided over by Miss Anna Pybas, whose reputation as a teacher is fully known and appreciated by this community. We have the two schools mentioned above besides our free schools. Our people can take their choice.

209 South Cave Street

Tuscumbia

William Winter built this home hand-carved mantels were done by carver named Braden. The home became the property of a Dr. Chisholm who occupied the place during the Civil War. Colonel Florence N. Cornyn, Confederate forces in the area, made the place his headquarters for a time in 1863. Fences and trees were destroyed, and food was taken by the Federals during their occupancy. The place was estimated at \$3,000. Colonel Cornyn prepared to leave with \$150 of Confederate money (which he had having taken from the tax collector) "all the trouble and expense, then full."

Later the home was bought by James T. and Ella Rather Kirk. In 1894 it was acquired by Hugh J. Stephenson, and in 1898 by Mary E. Russell. Mrs. Russell occupied the home until her death in 1943, when it passed to her grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carmichael, Sr.

Sources: Colbert County Tract Book; abstract of title in possession of Mrs. C. E. Carmichael, Sr.; Nina Leftwich, Two Hundred Years at Muscle Shoals.

18 WILLIAM COOPER HOME

410 East Sixth Street

Tuscumbia

The lot on which this home stands was purchased by John Barham at the government land sale in 1820. The home was built at an early date and was purchased by William Cooper in the 1830's. At the time Cooper acquired the home he was a lawyer for the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians who lived in "The Nation" in the vicinity of present Cherokee, Alabama. When he first met with the Indians in their tribal councils he told them he could not squat with them, so they placed a chair for him in the center of the circle and made him an honorary chief. The Indians named him "Oaliska" meaning "Double Eyes," because he wore glasses.

William Cooper's daughter, Julia, married Eldon R. Rather in 1873, and their daughters, Misses Bessie and Letitia Rather, made their home here from girlhood. Miss Bessie Rather, the present owner, continues to live in the house.

Sources: Colbert County Tract Book; statements of Miss Bessie Rather.

The house was in disrepair when John D. Rather and family of Decatur moved into it in December, 1864. Cooper was appointed to a state judgeship and served as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. His son, George Taylor Cooper, graduated from LaGrange College (1859-1861) and served on the staff of General Pettus in Roddey Forrest's command. General Rather, daughter Ella, married James T. Kirk, and daughter Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, is the present occupant of Locust Hill.

Sources: Nina Leftwich, Two Hundred Years at Muscle Shoals; statements of Miss Mary Wallace Kirk and Miss M. Kirk.

20 PALMER HOUSE

608 East Seventh Street

Tuscumbia

The main part of this Cape Cod style consists of three rooms. The kitchen and parlors were built apart from the main living quarters. Palmer is believed to have had the house built. It was the home of Miss Mary B. Palmer (d. 1920), beloved Tuscumbia teacher from 1865 to shortly before her death. She attended the Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee (d. 1917), a



18 WILLIAM COOPER HOME

HOME Street

in the command of General Roddey under General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

The home has been occupied by members of the Julian family since its location in Tuscumbia. It is now owned by Mrs. Earl Holder, Captain Julian's great-granddaughter.

Sources: Deed of John Calvin Goodloe to William Reese Julian, in possession of Mrs. Earl Holder; Colbert County Tract Book showing Tuscumbia land sale of 1820.

17 MISS ANNA PYBAS' SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

406 East Sixth Street

Tuscumbia

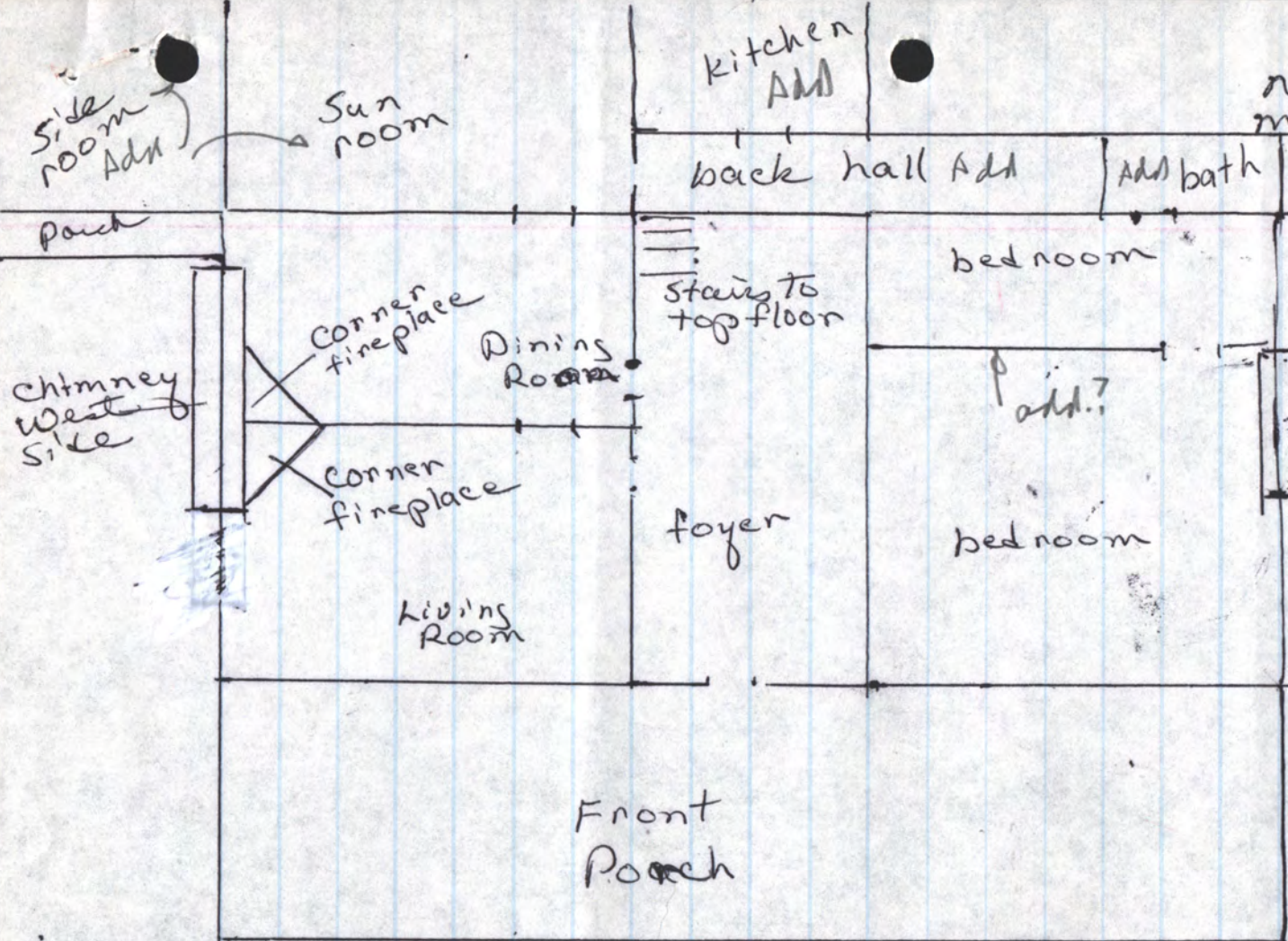
The lot on which this home stands was purchased by Charles Warren during the government land sale in 1820. The date of construction of the house is not known, but sometime prior to 1870 Benjamin Pybas acquired it. In 1870 he deeded it to his daughter, Anna, and she operated a private

ome was originally built in the late 1840's or early 1850's. Reese Julian bought the house from Calvin Goodloe. It was pulled by oxen to the site. Goodloe also purchased the house from Goodloe. The outside walls were constructed of brick after the house was

by clapboard, put over the original woodwork. The foundation timbers are made of pine. The parlors and bedrooms there are behind furniture. The house was cut during the Civil War. The valuables could be hidden during the war.

as "Captain" Julian, who served in the rank of Lieutenant in the Confederate service, being

First Floor
not drawn to scale
main part of house



Chimney
West
Side

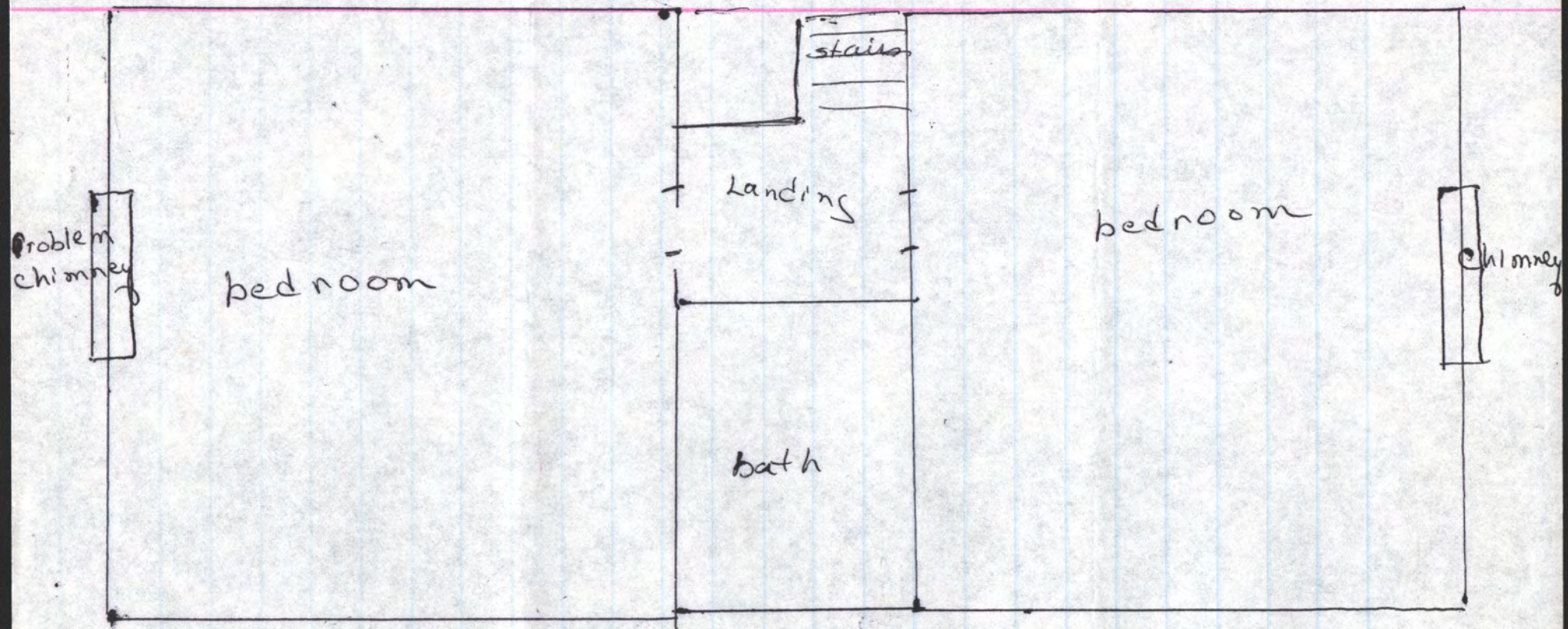
Chimney
East Side
Just a regular
fireplace

Cr 1820 Wm Cooper Hse
410 E. 6th St.
Tusculum, Al.

south

May 1986 plan by owner

Top Floor



South