

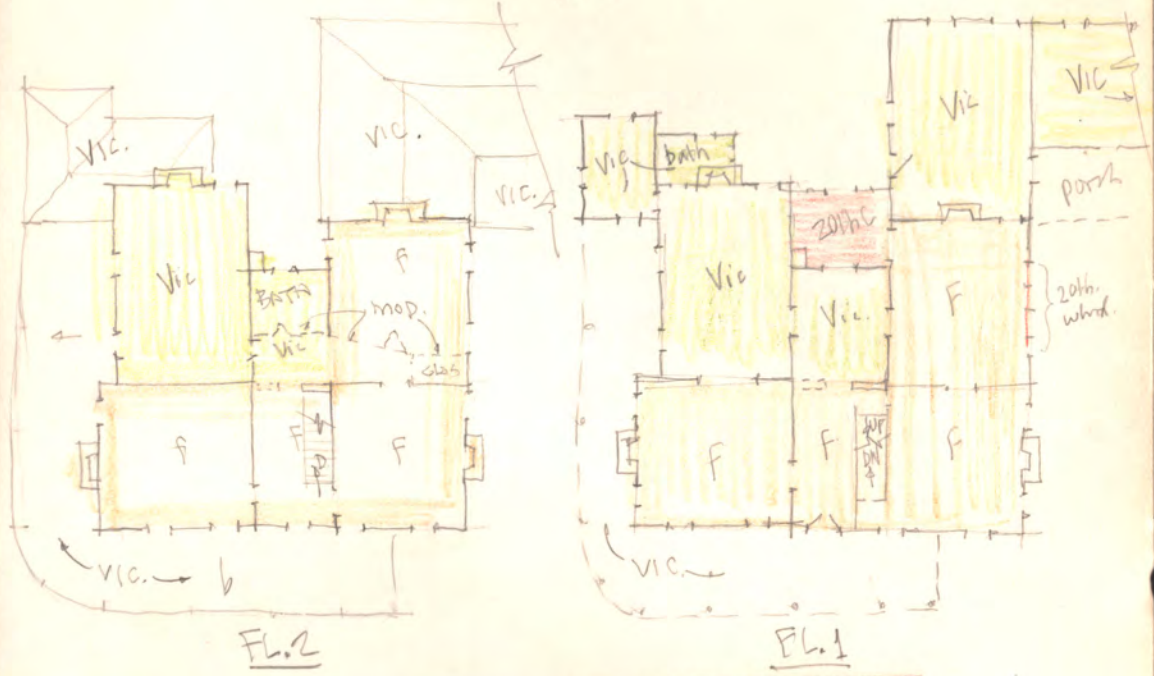
S. Rear

OLD
POSTCARDS
NO DATE.
COMPANIES.

N.
FRONT



Locust Hill
Tuscumbia, AL.
1823 Feb. + Vic. + early 20th c.
1865



N. FRONT

1 of 10

1823+1865
LOCUST HILL
TUSCUMBIA



NE. Corner



Entry



N

later makeshift
metal flash
obscures cornice
mould



Note orig. marked
"brick" cornice
(may be partly wood)

SE Corner of S.E. Wing

Note added
Victorian cornice
& dentil frieze



E. Gable of N.E. Porch



SE Corner



Vic. Adm.
apparently clipped
+ later brick veneer

S. Rear

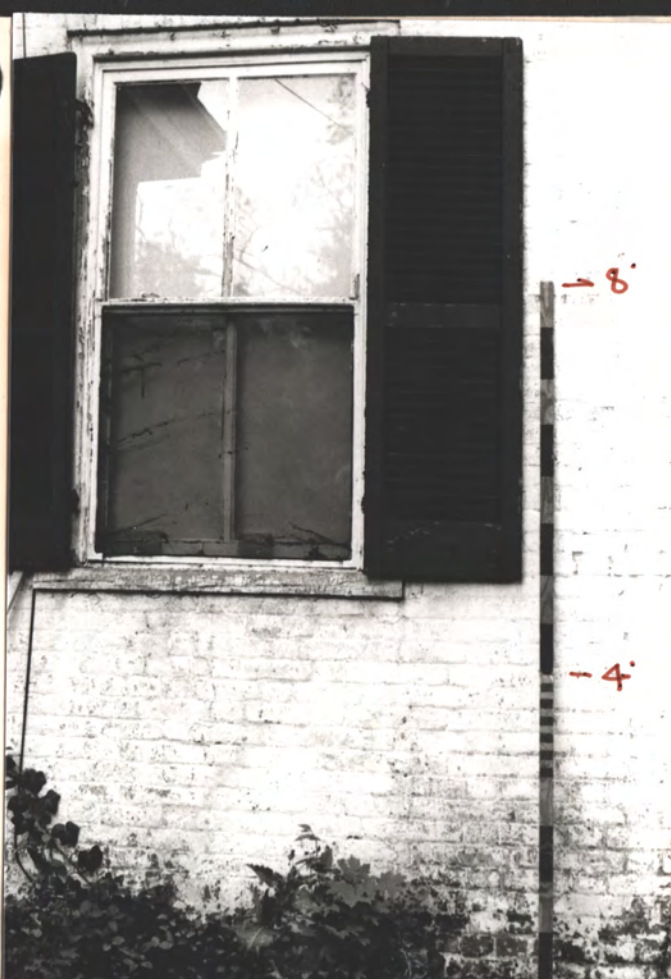
20th c.
Bkfst Rm

Vic.

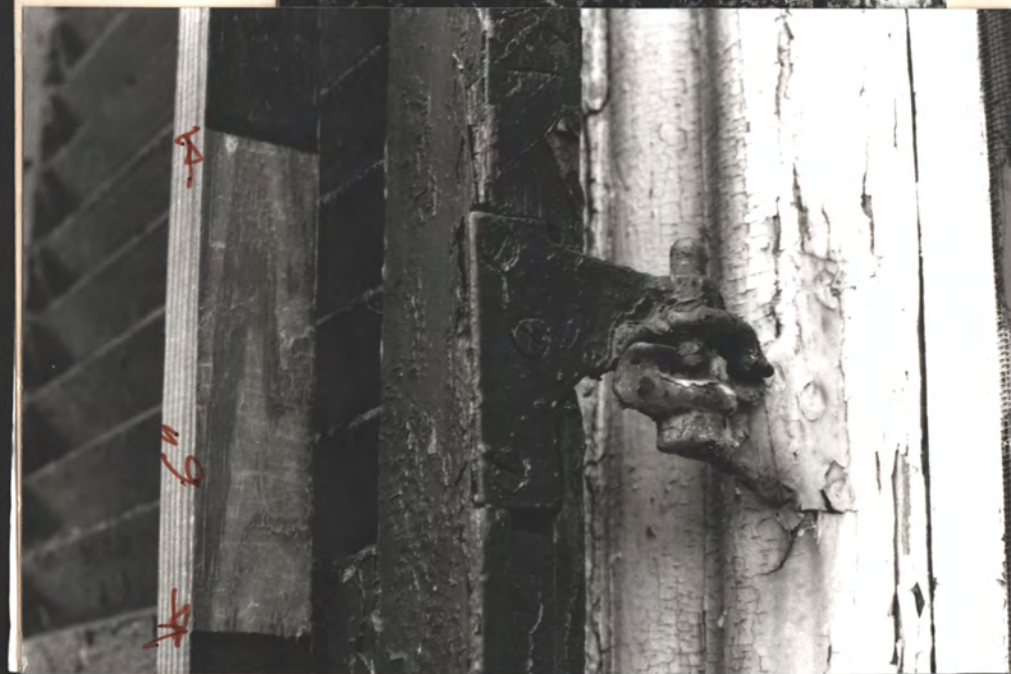
2/2 sashes
= Victorian
←

N. Wall
N.W. Window
just west of
front porch!

Nat



Nat



S. Cornice at S.E. Wing.
Looks like moulded bricks.
Some may be wood, per Bob Gamble.
Is wood original, or a later makeshift patch
when moulded bricks deteriorated?

blind hinge
of above window.



N →
 ↗
 early 20th C windows
 Later cornice
 V.L. Serv. Wing
 (frame, later brick veneer)
 ↘



Later
 Cornice

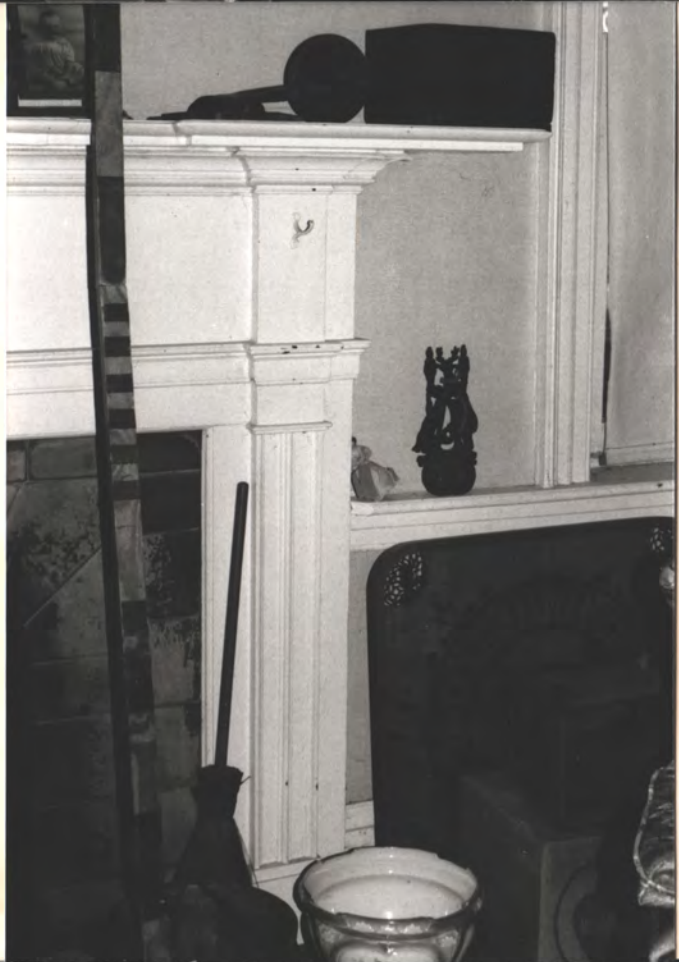
N
 →



→ N

1st Fl.
N.W. Rm.
Fed. Mantel.
Viz. or later tiles.

→ N



→ N

→ N



First Fl. N.E. Rm. (Parlor)
Fed. Mantel, 20th c. tiles



N.W.
Corner

N ←

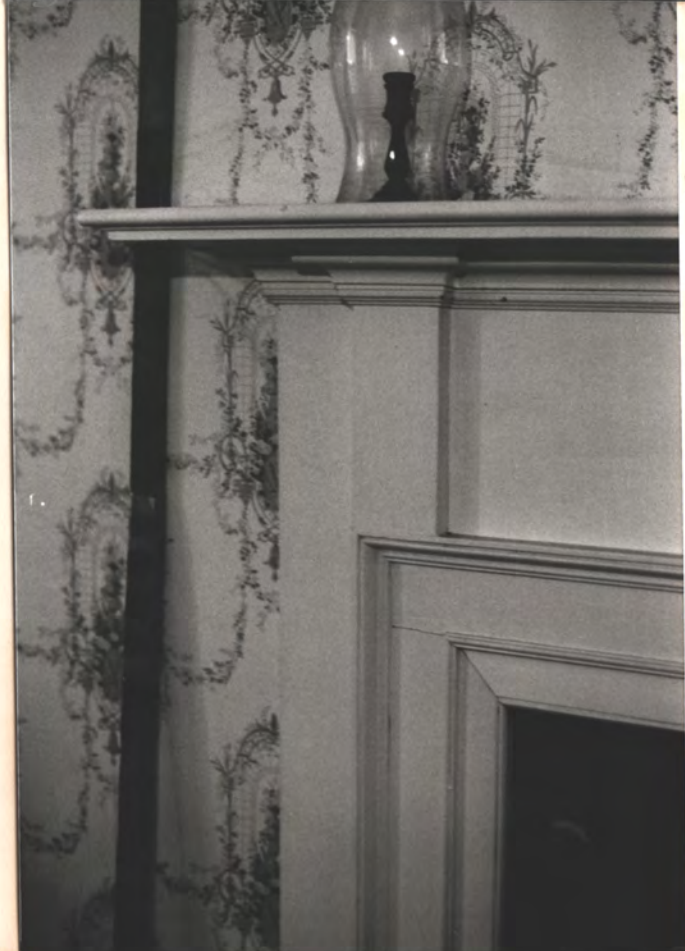
←
Later
Cornice
→



←
S.W. Corner



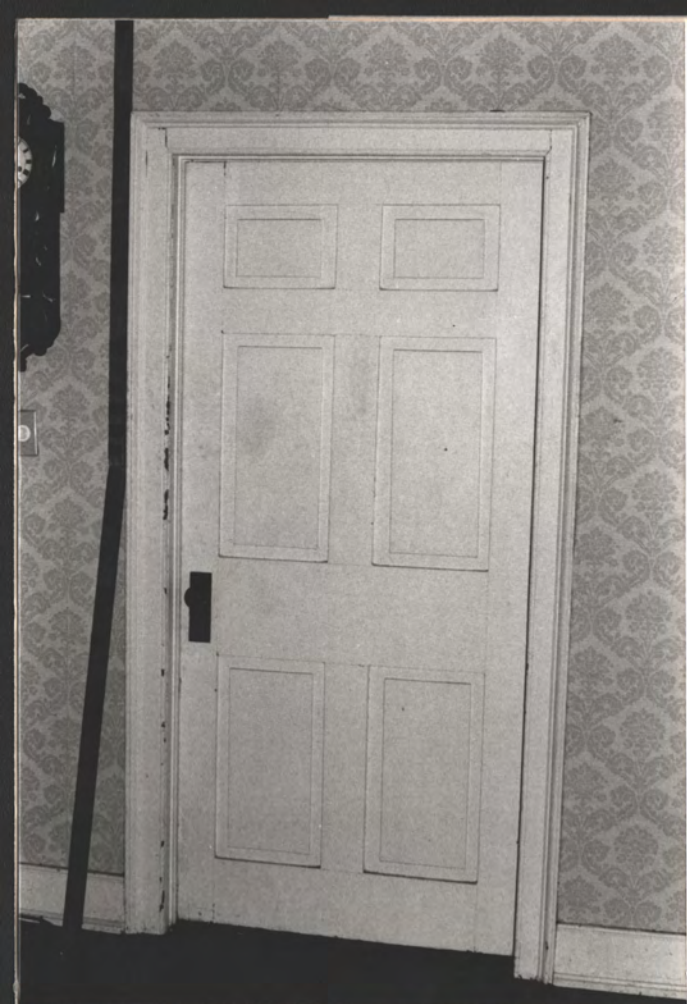
2nd fl. → N
 N. W. Rm.
 Fed. Mantel.
 Later tiles



→ N
 2nd Fl. NE. Rm.
 Fed. Mantel
 Later tiles
 N
 at



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Fed. Door

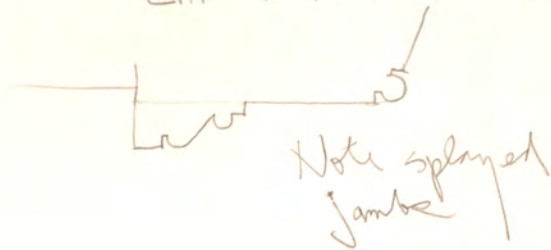
exposed tenon & pegs.
Jack-plane marks

South S.M.
2nd fl. N.W. Rm.

Note: door to 2nd fl. N.W. Rm.
has jack-plane marks,
but no exposed tenon-ends of no pegs.

Larry Jaynes (millwork) says he has seen old books on
how to make "blind" tenons by hand, & apparently this
is a Fed. period door thus.

The house also has others w/o plane marks, apparently
machine-made Fed. copies.





"Locust Hill" - Tusculum, Al.
 (Fed. Period) + Vic. Veranda
 + " skates
 + " cornice)



Restoration
 Progress Photos
 by Tom Donaldson, AIA
 Spring 1991





→ N



→ N



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→ N



→ N



N ←



N ←



N ←

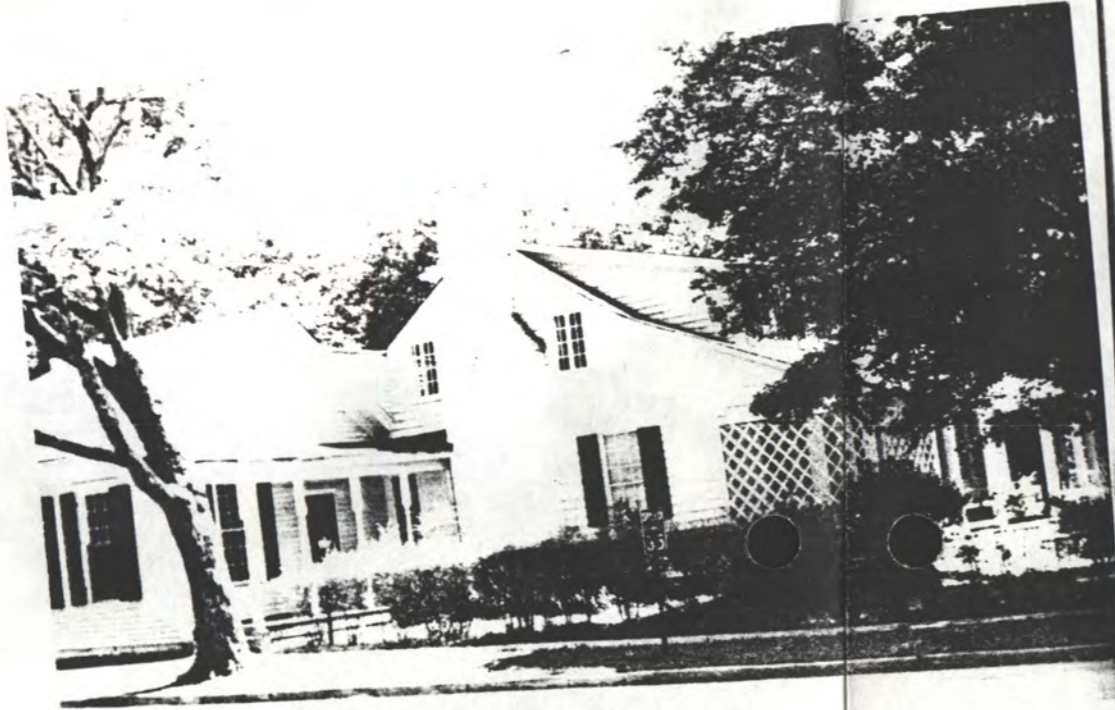


N ←

Louise LHM
Tusculum
(Fed. + Vic. Vermluh)



Photo March 1991
after porch restor. only
H.V. = restor. consula.
Arch = Tom McDonald, ALA, Tusculum



WILLIAM COOPER HOUSE

The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson, have lived here since 1970. A corner fireplace in the parlor and the original lamb's tongue columns on the front porch are notable features of the home.

31. LOCUST HILL (1823)

209 South Cave Street — Tusculmbia
 This house was built in 1823 by Colonel William Winter. Age has given it dignity and character, but he gave it fine proportions, great chimneys, handmade-brick walls thirteen inches thick, windows with deep reveals, and charming woodwork. Rooms twenty feet square, their lovely mantels hand-carved by a local craftsman named Braden, open off a central downstairs hall that extends from front to back, while the stairway is suppressed between two walls. Later the house became the property of Dr. Chisholm, a dentist, who lived here during the Civil War.

Colonel Florence N. Cornyn, commander of Federal forces in the area, made the place his headquarters in 1863. Fences, shrubbery, and trees were destroyed and food was confiscated by the Federals during their occupancy. The damage to the place was estimated at \$3,000, but when Colonel Cornyn prepared to leave he took out \$150 of Confederate money (which he admitted having taken from the collector) and paid for "all the trouble and expense, then and there, in full."



LOCUST HILL

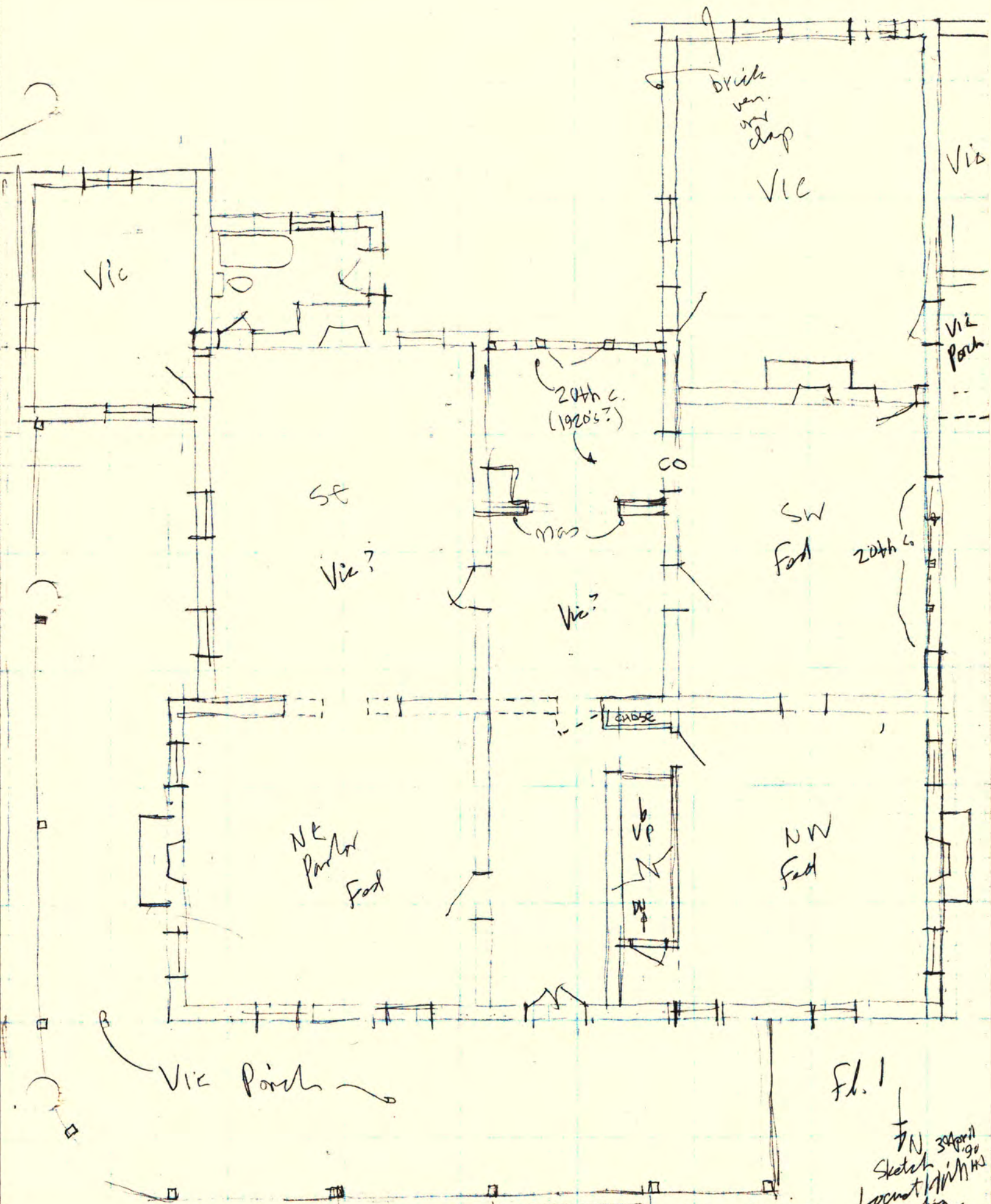
The house was in disrepair when Captain John Taylor Rather and family of Decatur, Alabama, moved into it in December 1865. His son, General John D. Rather, was a lawyer, legislator, and later president of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. He and his wife, Letitia Pearsall, planted boxwood along the front walk and beautified the grounds with many trees, shrubs, and flowers. The house takes its name from the locust trees which surround it. General Rather's daughter, Ella, married James T. Kirk. Their daughter, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk, an author and artist, wrote *Locust Hill*, which gives an in-depth history of the house and family as well as cherished memories. It was published in 1975 by the University of Alabama Press and includes some of her etchings.

Miss Kirk died in 1978, and the home was sold to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Surratt, who occupied it for a time.

32. STONECROFT (1825)

608 East Fifth Street — Tusculmbia

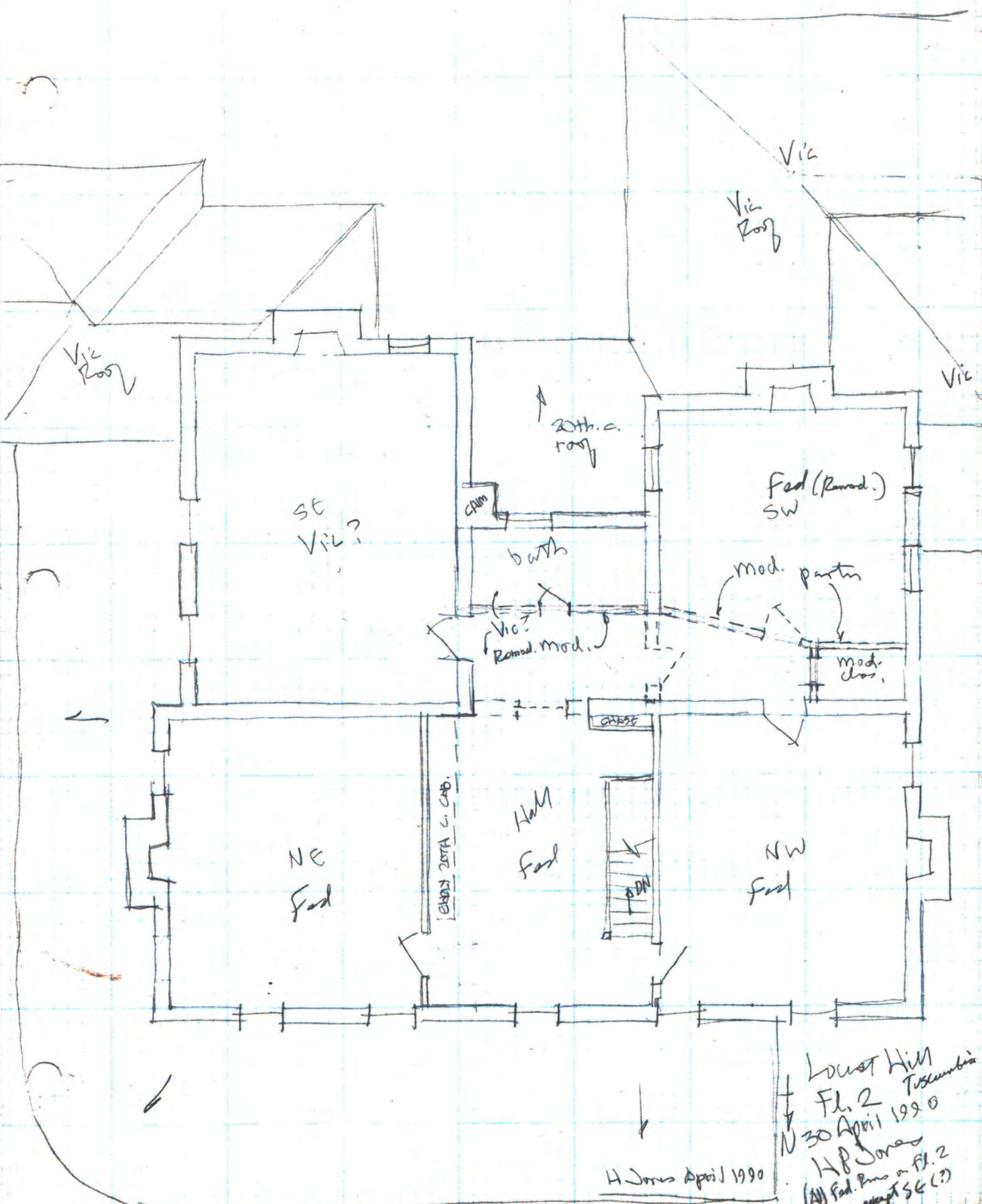
Stonecroft was built by James W. Rhea, early Tusculmbia innkeeper. Rhea operated the Tusculmbia Inn, also known as the Challen House, near the Big Spring on Main Street, and later opened the Union Hotel, a brick house on Main Street. Stonecroft was subsequently owned by John D. Inman, whose daughter, Mattie, married Captain B. F. Little. The Little family occupied the house for many years, eventually selling it to the Grissom family. The house gets its name from the native



Fl. 1

30 April 1990
 Sketch
 Locust Hill MS
 Tuscon MS

H. Jones April 1990



Louisa Hill
 Tusculum
 Fl. 2
 30 April 1990
 H.P. Jones
 (All Bed. Rms on Fl. 2
 except SE (?))

H Jones April 1990