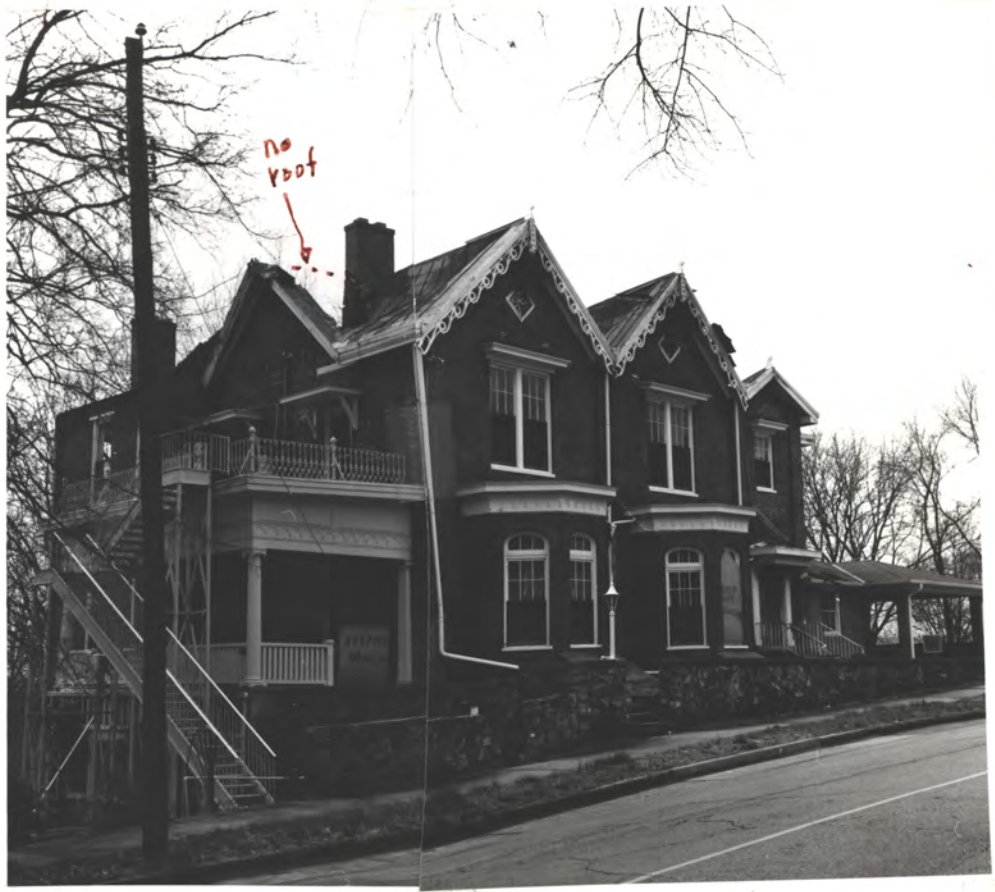
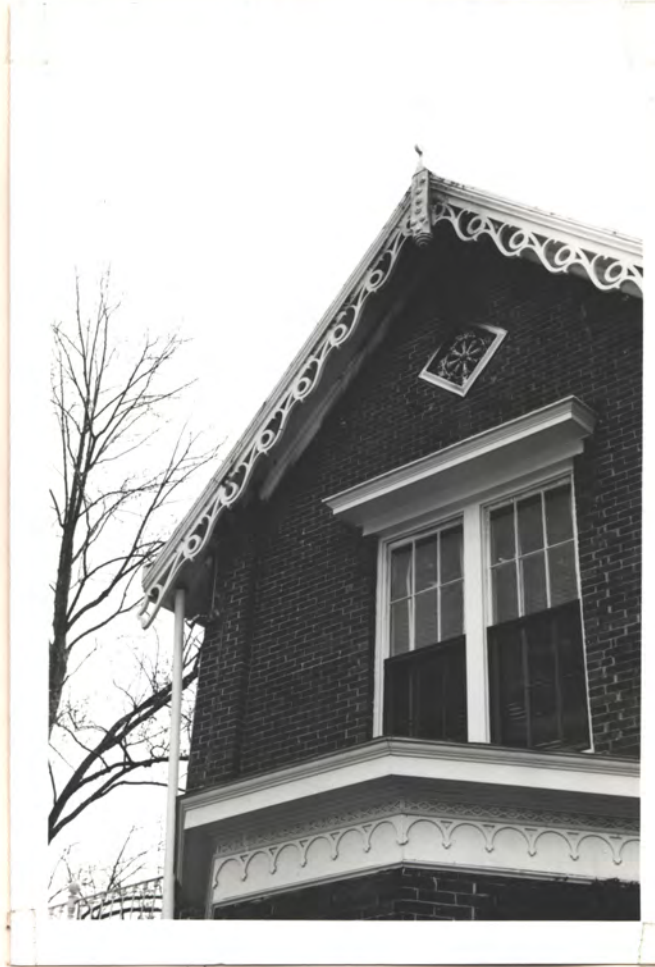
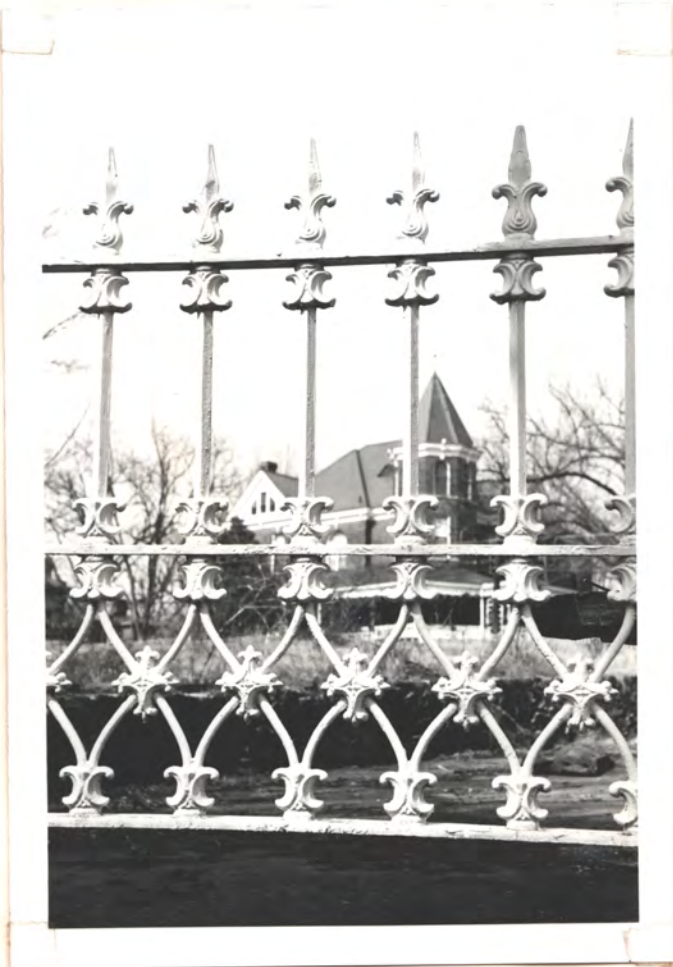


5 pages photos
 1974 H.P. Jones file
 for roof replacement plans
 for Porter Dunaway.
 Use roof burned off
 July 9, 1973. Suit for
 ± 2 yrs. w/ no roof.
 Heavy damage to
 decor. plaster in dbl.
 parlors.
 Roof replaced Spring 74



C. 1858 Ward Hse, McClung Ave 424



1858 WAEP
 1867
 424 N. CLUNG AVE

6 No Roof (BIBLED) in 1972. photos 1974 N



N 2

Carport = mid 20th c.
W. Wing = early 20th c. (?)

1974 photos

(Porch looks early 20th c. Colonial Revival
(not same size as on 1861-1871 maps) + see paint traces)



→ N
S. WALL

EAST WALL

2

photo
1974
(Wind 1974)



395

S. W. M.



P.E. Purnell
(20th c.)



photo 1974 WJ

S. Wall
Poorly patched bricks etc



20th c. addn. at S.W. corner
(removed 1980's)

→ N

photo 1974

↓
N



505 (Ward Ave) 1974



GLS 2 1/2 x 11 3/4
(Nom. 22 x 12)





1858 Ward-Dworsky Hse
 McClung Ave, Hsr.
 Fall 1992 - H.S. photos
 (Under restor.)

Tower base had to be
 reconstructed -
 outer brick loose from
 2 inner wythes, fragile.



1991-2
 ADD.
 (H.S.)

Original stone step
 had been reloc.
 from west face of
 hse to N. face of
 tower (where a
 window originally was)

1992
 up



back of limestone step



Ruler is 3 1/2".

← end of stone step



Note ± 1/4" slope for drainage to front
As

note hand-chisel
1858 marks
Back of stone
step
(correct)



202



1871 View of H.V. shows tower here
 Probably removed early 20th. C.
 (Exact growth looks " " "
 & is not original per site witnesses, & designer)

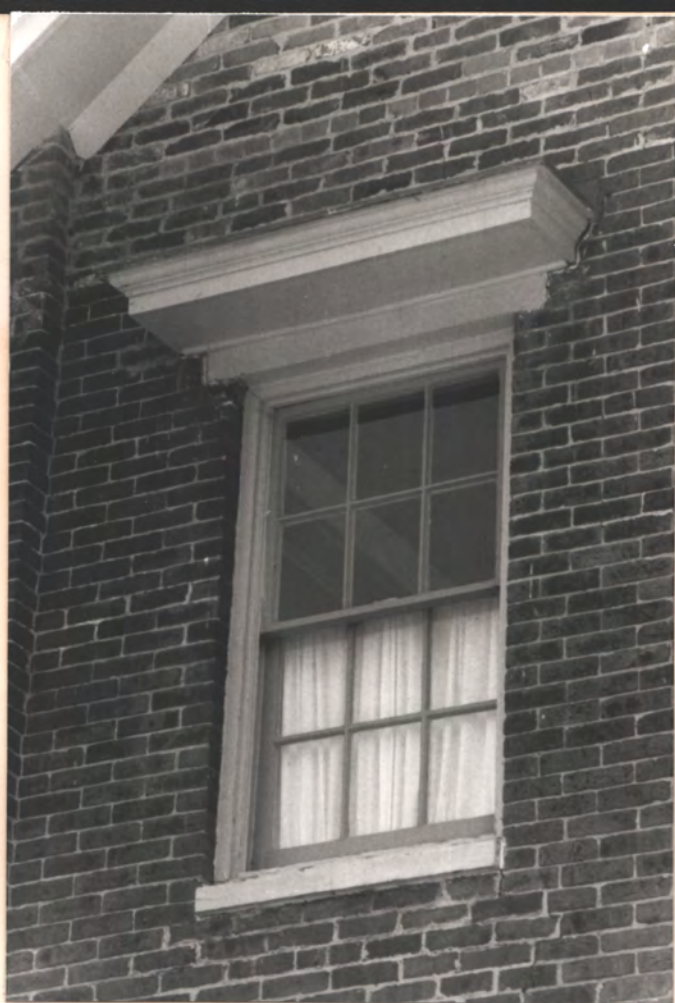
1858 Ward 1A
 424 McClung Ave
 Verge - boards
 on N. front gutter
 photos July 1990 H. Jones

1 of 2 "insert"





H →



H →

↳ note brick patch.
Window was shortened



→ tower on 1871
"View of Av."

H →

finial
cut
off



Cast iron vent
front gable



finial stub
front gable

1071 insert

Aug 1990 HJ



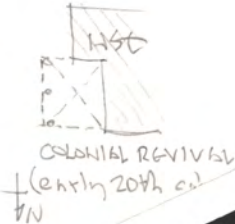
S. WALL
OF
N.E. PORCH

20th c.
soffit trace
(19th c.?
cutted)



c. 1858 Ward 175e
(Dr. Mayer Duvorsky & Revelle Gwyn)
S. Side McClung Ave, Hillth

photos Aug '92 H Jones FAIA
N.E. Colonial Revival porch cell. removed,
revealing traces of the 1858 porch
as shown on the 1861 map
& the 1871 Birds Eye View



→ 1858 COL. TRACE ←



101



20th c.
framing

↑ Ionic colonial
revival col.

1871

Was a town (See 1871 "VIEW")
To be reconstructed, J & H, Arch-AJ



McClung

remodel of c.1980 west
"sheds" 1 story wing
with wing, J & H Arch, AJ



1858 W. Main Ave., McClung Ave
photos Feb. 1991 H.B. Jones
in prep for room annex + remod. of
c.1980 "sheds" Remod. to N.E. porch
to be completed w/ her.
Owner: Dr. Robert Dvorak & Rev. Elie Gwynn



McClung



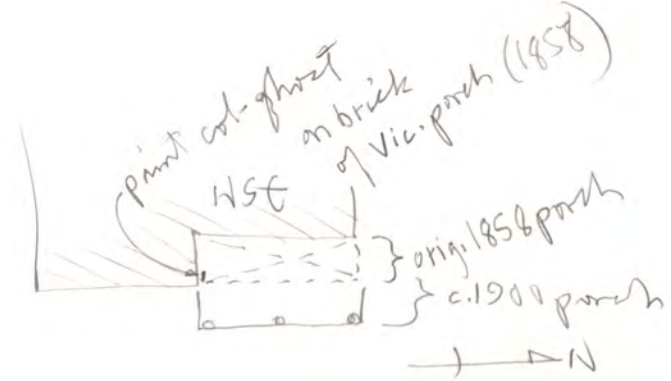


AW

McClung
Ave

↑
Stakes = proposed drive & curbs

3 of 7



→ porch = c. 1900
 Colonial Revival
 See 1871 View & paint "col-ghost" on
 brick for orig. porch (did not
 project)





AN-



AN



A

↑



A

527



crz.
 terrace f
 rail
 looks
 mid 20th C.



c. 1900 or later porch



12



↖ N



↗ W

C. 1900 or later porch (H.E.)

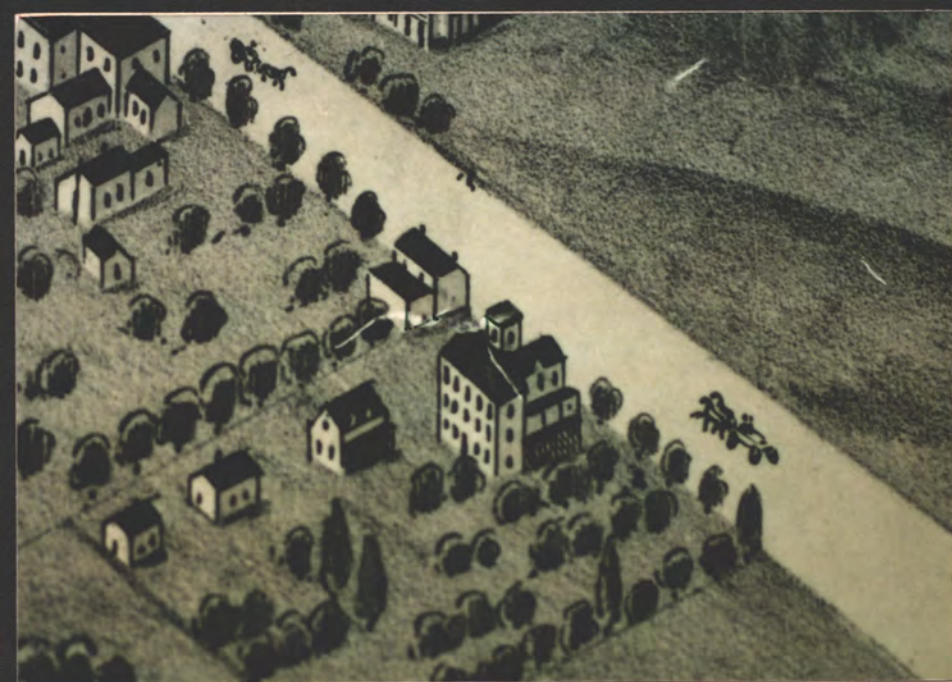
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NR
NR



NR



Detail - 1871 "View of Huntsville"

← This house
 (note tower, now stubbed - off.
 note east porch, now gone, w/
 c. early 20th. c. porch in place.
 (see photo p. 4 & 5)



← tower stubbed - off
 (see photo above)

N



c. 1858 Ward House
 424 McClung Dr., Hts.
 photo July 1990 H. Jones, FHIA
 owner - Dr. Meyer Dworsky
 & Revelle Owen
 Project 90030

← porch = early 20th c.
 1960's renov. by John McClain
 (no input by H.S.)

N

10/18

This entry was originally a window,
 entry presumably on side of hse.

Canopy probably added when door was put here
 (constr. looks later than 1858)

P.S. 4 Sept 91 - entry canopy is 20th cent.

(wire nails, smooth-planed plank boards)



N ←

N ←

↳ doors are 20th c. (blind mortises)



↑ = etc.
 indicating
 orig. window
 sill here.
 (door is
 rebracketed
 to here)



N ←





H



← this addr.
= c. 1970's - 80's

N
→



N
→

3018

c. 1970's - 80's add.

N



N

porch =
early 20th c.,
per details
& style

8/18

N





early 20th c. porch } → H
 (compare w/ 1871 "view of Hsv") - p. 1

↑ H



← trash container

↑
 trace
 by side
 corner of hse

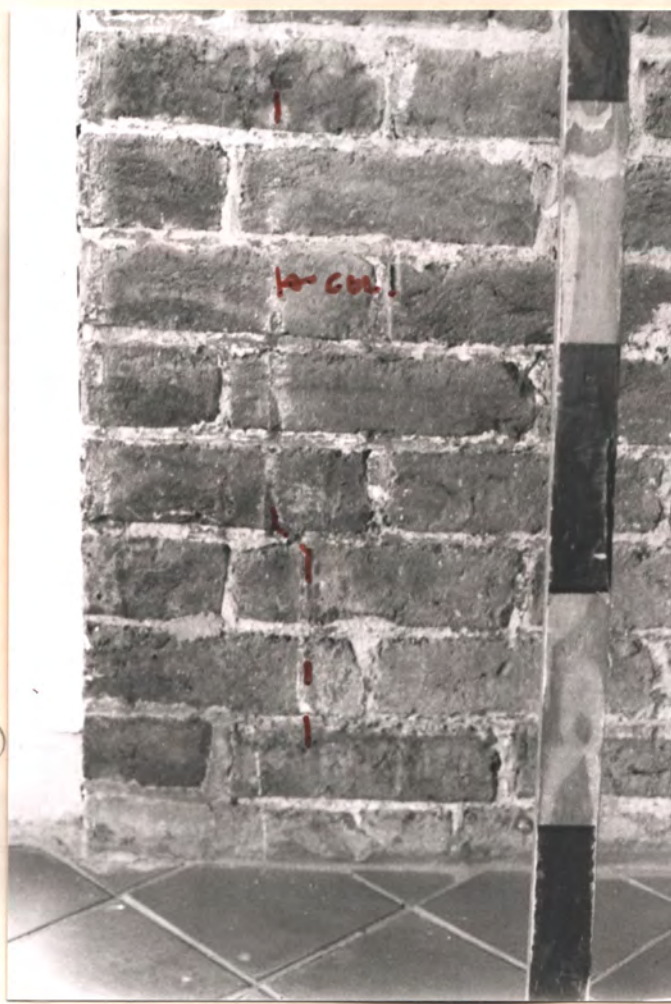
20th. c. garage

↓

5018



white paint "pencilled" joints (typical of 19th c.)



1856 tower was
above the N.W.
gable
(see p.1)



Valleys not built per
HJ's c.1975 recommend.
(Should be 3:12 min.
in valleys)



"roll roof" not recommend.
by HJ

4'



ST. = original window sill loc.



↑ N

Apparent orig. stair config. per evidence as of July '90

N.W. ENTRY



↑ N

HEADER FOR STAIR

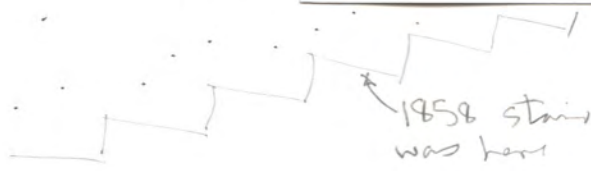
1858 Stairwell closed in early 20th C.

W.P.L.I.



N

WEST WALL OF TOWER, FL. 1 Looking up



1858 stairs was here

N



TOWER FL. 1

ORIGINAL STAIR LOCATION

(removed early 20th C.)

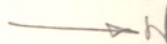


N.E. Corner of tower

W. WALL OF TOWER, FL. 1 Looking up

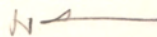
* * * cut for steel col. for 1993 tower reinf. (mortar weak & outer bricks w/ thin not bonded)

latter 20th. c.
Stair
(c. 1980)



CENTRAL HALL

latter 20th. c.
Stair
(c. 1980)





N



marble
mantel

Main Fl.
N.E. Parlor

N



N
4

c. 1858 Ward House
McClung Ave
July 1990 photos H. Jans FAIA
Owner - Dr. Meyer Dworsky

5818



N
↓

N.E. Parlor

Barrel-cast molded plaster
cornice remnants (damaged
in 2 yrs. water exposure after
roof burst off in 1973)
(This cornice also in W. Parlor)



N
↓

Both elaborate plaster
"center-flowers" lost
due to 2 yrs. in weather
(see chisel trace on ceiling
in this photo)

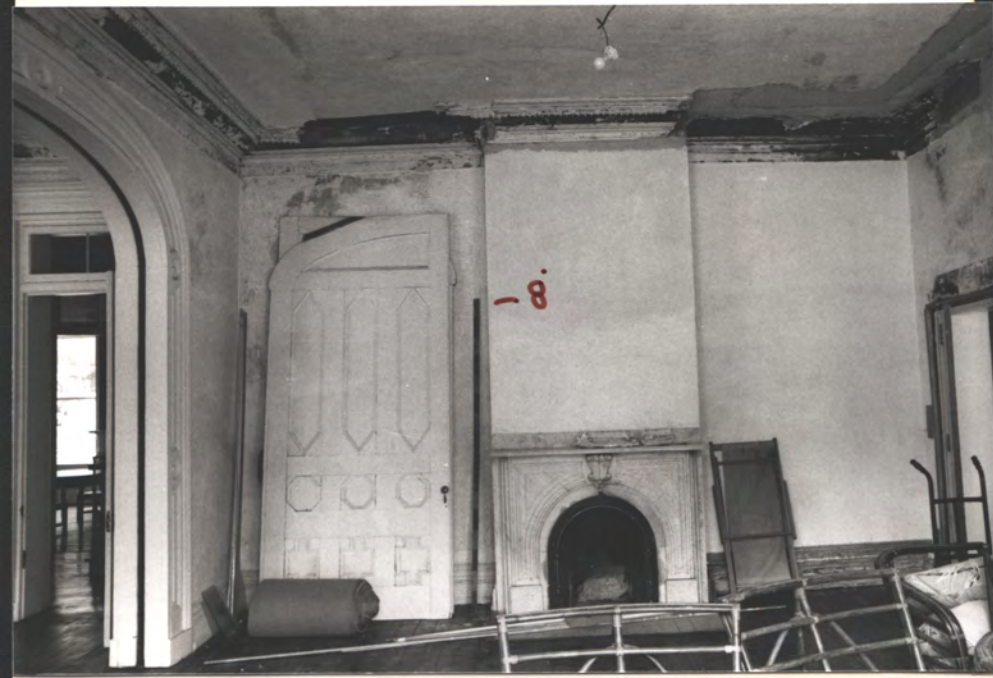


Main fl. N. Cent. Parlor
(West Parlor)

N
↓

"Radiant"
A.W. Gill & Sons
Cincinnati
(at Fireland)

N



West Parlor (N. Cor. Rm)

N6



metal
knob
detail

silvered
knob at
dbl. Parlor
slid doors
leaning at
wall in
photo above



11718



W

P

Main Fl. S.E. Par (Dining)

H

Main Fl. S.W. Par.

"Gothic" winns. is 1980's
poor remodeling.
~~To be~~ removed, 1990's



Main Fl.
S.W.
Admin
Rm.
(poor
remodel.
1980's)

Removed
1990s

N
N



Main Fl.
S. Cent
Bath
1980's

N
N

2nd Fl.
N.W.
Bath
1980's

N
N



OK
4+

2nd fl.
S.W. Rm

1980's decor

NA

cornice = 1980's inappropriate



2ND FL N. CENT. Rm

14

← N

← N



N → H

2nd fl. S.E. Rm



roof hatch ↘



Stair = 1980's amateur



→ W

15718



Roof
Hatch

N
↙



Early 20th
Century
East Room
below porch


N
↙

N
↙





Typical Window
(This is at Grand Fl.
S.C. Run) - S.W.M.
W. of China.


Typical mountain
shape of c. 1835-60
(1858 here)

8
Grnd. Fl. S. Cent. Rm → N
→

Note flooring is
Rotary - Sawn
c. 1858 = early
for this, in H.V.
Perhaps brought in
on R.R. from
elsewhere (?)



Hs → Grnd Fl S.E. Rm





← Rear, S. Wall

↑ top of 2026.
ent porch being
rebuilt

← S. Door

steel star is
1991 wall-tie



1991 steel star wall ties

photos Jan. 1993 H Jones

1858 Ward-Dvorsky 1251

McCung Ave, Hamtown

J & H, Restor./Arch. Architects - 125 Ave

1085



S. bay ← → N. bay → N

Lower East Porch (c. 1900-1920)



South bay → N



North bay → N

385



N ← N.E. Basement (under N.E. Parlor)



Basement, East door to lower porch N ←



N ←

Repliated
1958
tower
top
being
built
on ground
(to be
hoisted
by
crane)



N ←



TRANS on
INT.



TRIMS
1858
MOUNTAIN



Note mountain studs,
cut out perhaps 1900-1920



EAST
DOOR
to
porch

EXT.



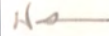
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TRANS + FIRM
= 1858 type

3 mountain
cut out at
center by
1858 transoms

c. 1900-1920
Components



INT.

595



← E. Parlor at chin.

Remnants of 1858 plaster wall - cornice, parlors
(Roof burst off in c. 1972, water damage to plaster)



← E. Parlor at S. door



W. Parlor, W. wall ← N

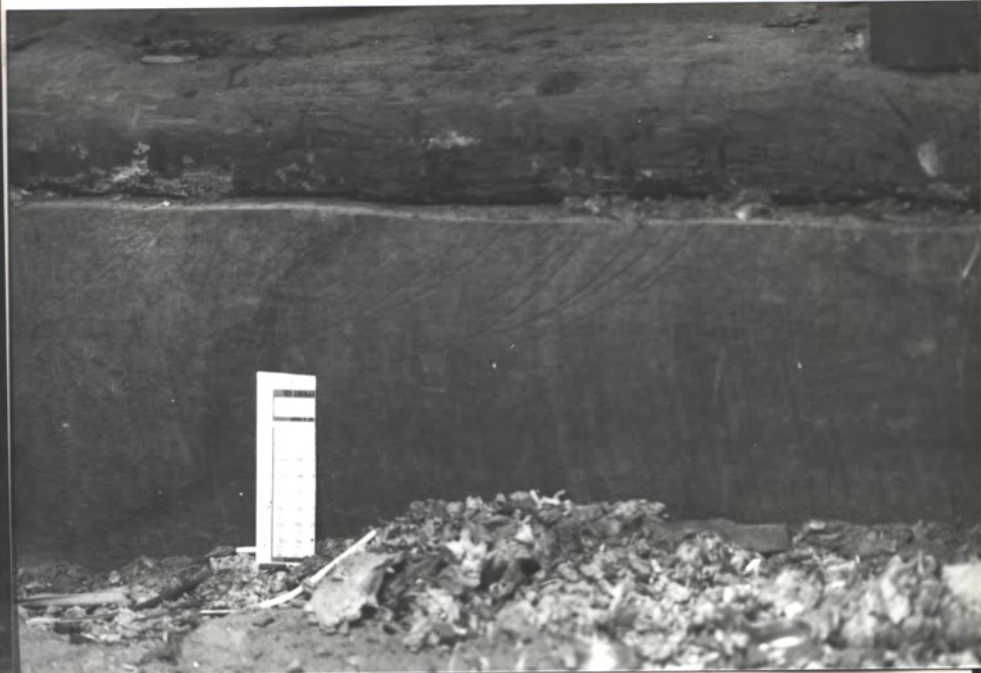
1858 Ward - Dworsky 1st - McClung Ave - W.ville

4 - June 93 photos



E. Parlor, SE. corner

photos June 93 HP Jones 1 of 1



hand-split lath &
plaster - keys
(inside the joint)

Fl. 2 N.W. Rm

Plaster (hand-spread) fl. joint

← 1993 blocking →



MIXTURE of
hand & machine
spread plaster
= usual in
fl. 2 1850's

rotary spread
(mach. spread)
fl. joint

Other examples =
1860 First Presb. Ch.



NA



NA

Italianate c.1850. tower on c.1820 (Federal)

John Hunt Morgan Hse

558 Franklin St.

photos July 1990 H. Jones

(1858 Ward 1251 tower top
was similar, per 1871 view)

NA

2031





Detail of photo at rt.

c. 1910 photo of Ward Hse

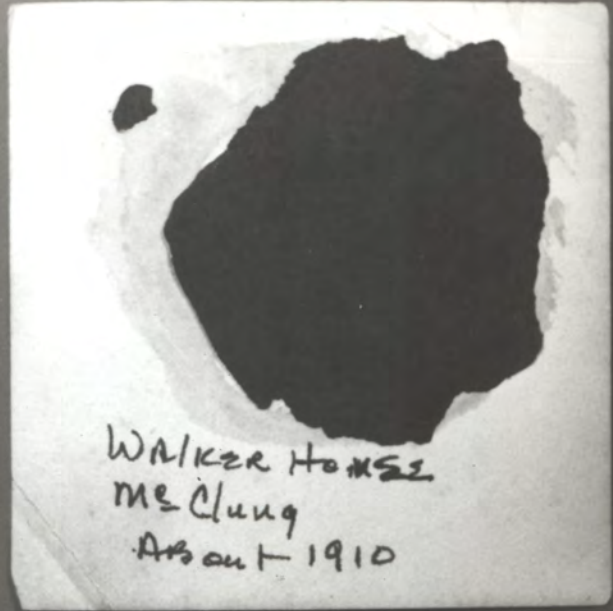


Photo given May 1993 by
 Jim McLean (owner 1980's)
 of the 1858 Ward-Walker Hse
 Apparently is the south
 back verandah
 (east wall, looking south)

EQUIVALENTS	
64 =	51625 13 0969
32 =	53125 13 4938
64 =	54625 13 8956
16 =	5625 14 2975
64 =	57825 14 6844
32 =	59375 15 0812
64 =	60975 15 4781
8 =	6250 15 8750
64 =	64525 16 2719
32 =	6625 16 6688
64 =	67875 17 0656
16 =	6950 17 4625
64 =	71125 17 8594
32 =	72875 18 2562
64 =	74575 18 6531
4 =	7500 19 0500
64 =	76225 19 4469
32 =	78125 19 8438
64 =	796875 20 2406
16 =	8125 20 6375
64 =	82875 21 0344
32 =	84375 21 4312
64 =	859375 21 8281
8 =	8750 22 2250
64 =	89025 22 6219
32 =	90625 23 0188
64 =	921875 23 4156
16 =	9375 23 8125
64 =	953125 24 2094
32 =	96875 24 6062
64 =	984375 25 0031
1 =	1 0000 25 4000
metre =	0.039370113 inch

OF A FOOT
 1/8 1/2 5/8 3/4 7/8
 1/32 1/16 3/32 1/8 5/16 3/8 7/16 1/2 5/8 3/4 7/8
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
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WALKER HOME
 Mrs Clung
 About 1910

back of above photo

1858 Ward 17se, McClung Ave, Huntsville, AL.
 Reconstruct of original tower as shown on
 the 1871 Birds Eye View of H.ville.
 Tower top was removed, perhaps c.1900.
 Restor. Jones & Herrin, Arch, 1990-----

10M mt.
 1993
 PHOTOS
 HD



① Prebuilt tower (steel frame) ↑ Pre assembled tower top on ground

← McClung Ave



② Tower cap being raised ↑ Revelle Gwynn (Mrs Dwirsky)

③



(4) The S. side of the tower is turned to E. here



(5)



brick
not yet
on tower.
Orig. brick
was too
fragile -
Steel frame
(1993) is
in tower



(7) Attaching finial

(6) Hauling up the finial



Hauling up finial

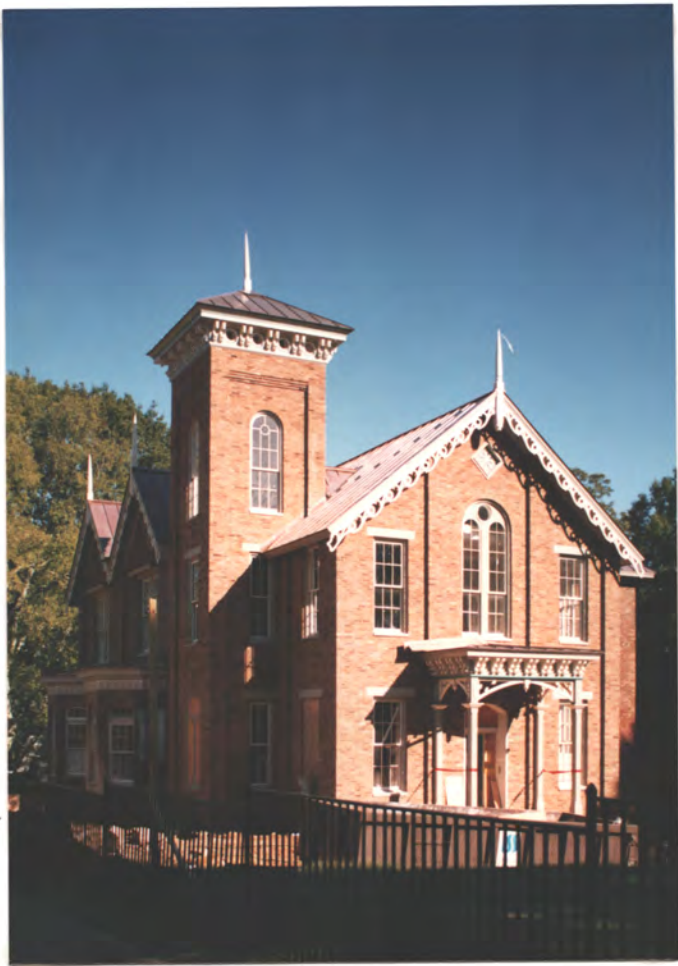
Finial had to be hoisted up
after tower top because the steel
rod anchor for the finial was
used to lift the tower top



Attaching finial



Complete r Coming down



c.1858 Ward House - 424 McClung Ave, Washington, DC
 progress photos (under restr.) Oct '93 NP Lane
 Jono & Harlan, Architects, MD

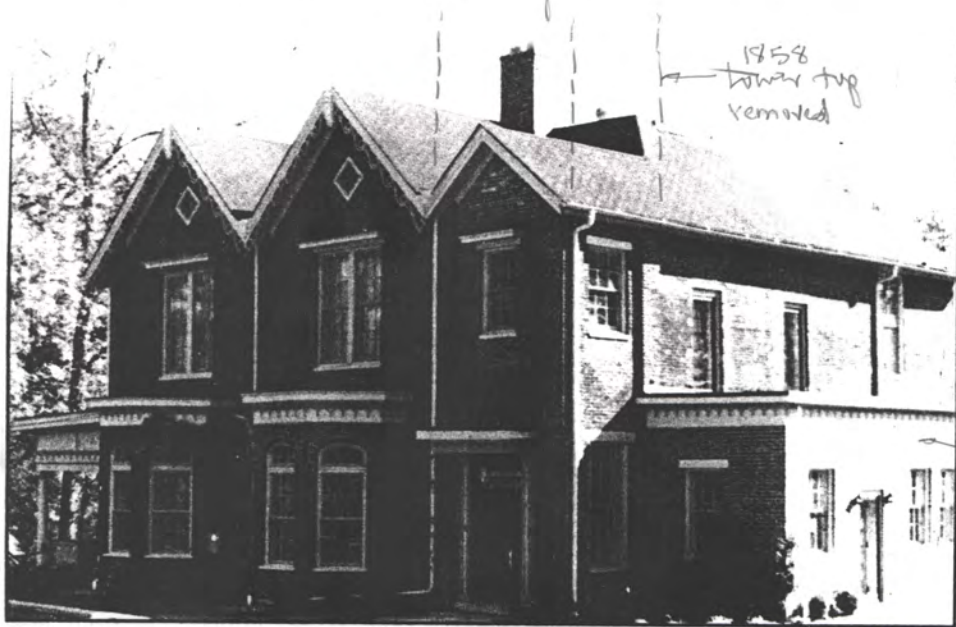
1858 WARD
 AFTER RESTOR.

↑ tower top rebuilt
 per 1871 Birds Eye View

↑ west wing added

↑ Breakfast Rm.
 added

↑ rear
 N.E. porch



1858 tower top removed

c.1980 added

424 McClung Avenue - c.1990 photo

1920's porch

ds



Copper cornice part at north valley
made by Overthor Huber-Delke
(^o "Copperworks" Co., Detroit)

1858 WARD
HSE-W-11-254
DWM 8581



Tower top rebuilt
 1993-4 w/
 1871 Birds Eye View of
 H.V. as only guide
 Later found photo in Va.
 showing crenelated parapet top
 etc.

→ 1993 D.M.A. (H.V.)



19th cent. photo found AFTER all restor. work was completed
 Windows revised ± 1920s, + tower removed in 1920s.

1858 Ward Hse - 424 McClellan Ave - Hunt Hill, AL
 Restored Jones & Herring, Architects (H.P. Jones FAIA) 1992-5



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Na



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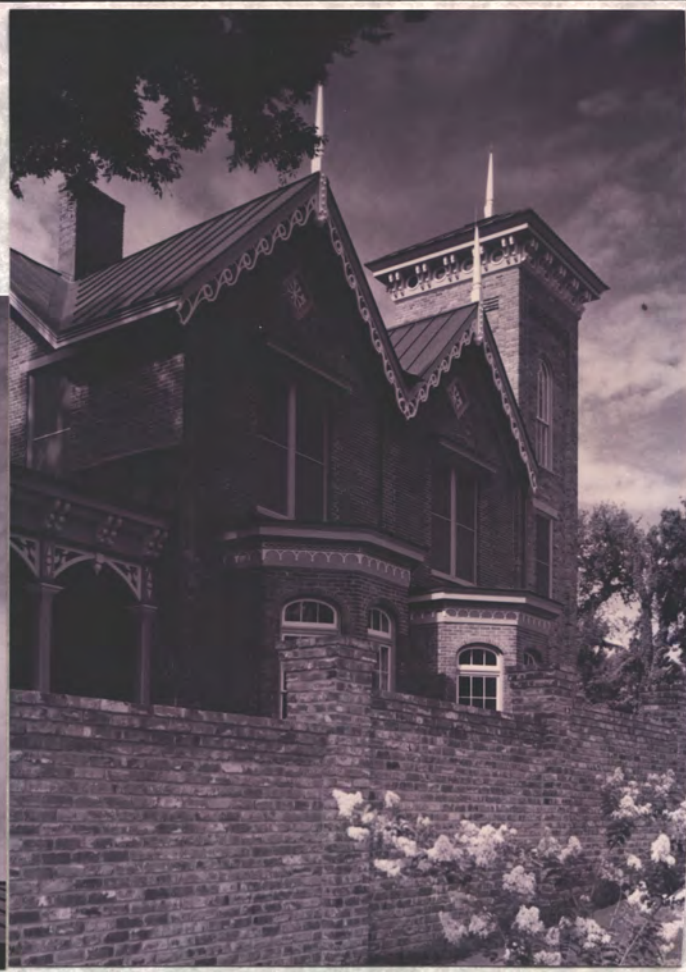


Na

articles in
Wintona
54
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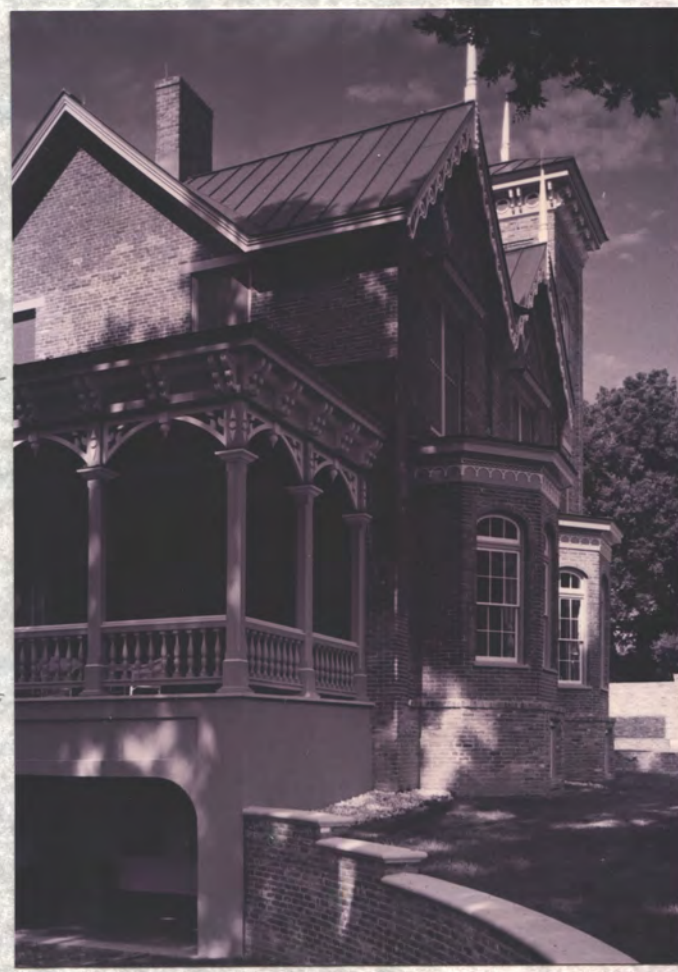
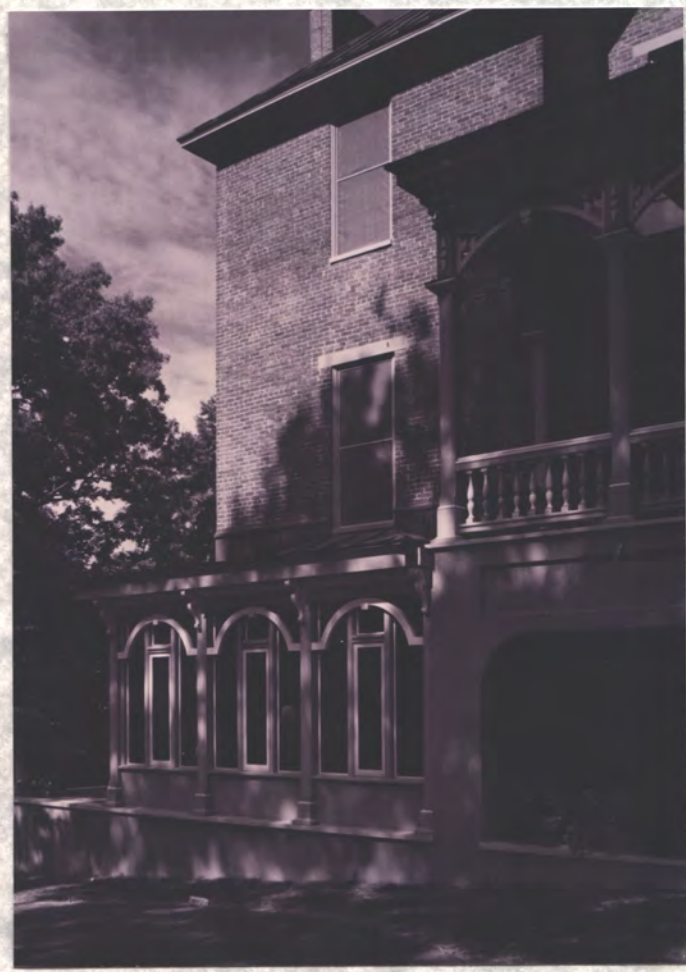
Owner - Dr. Meyer
 Dworsley &
 Revell & Gwyn

Owner built tall brick wall
 across front, w/o HIST.
 Commission review (not by HJ)
 = unfortunate. Owner fortress
 look to house.



82

→ N



1993
 HJ
 c. 1920s

3069

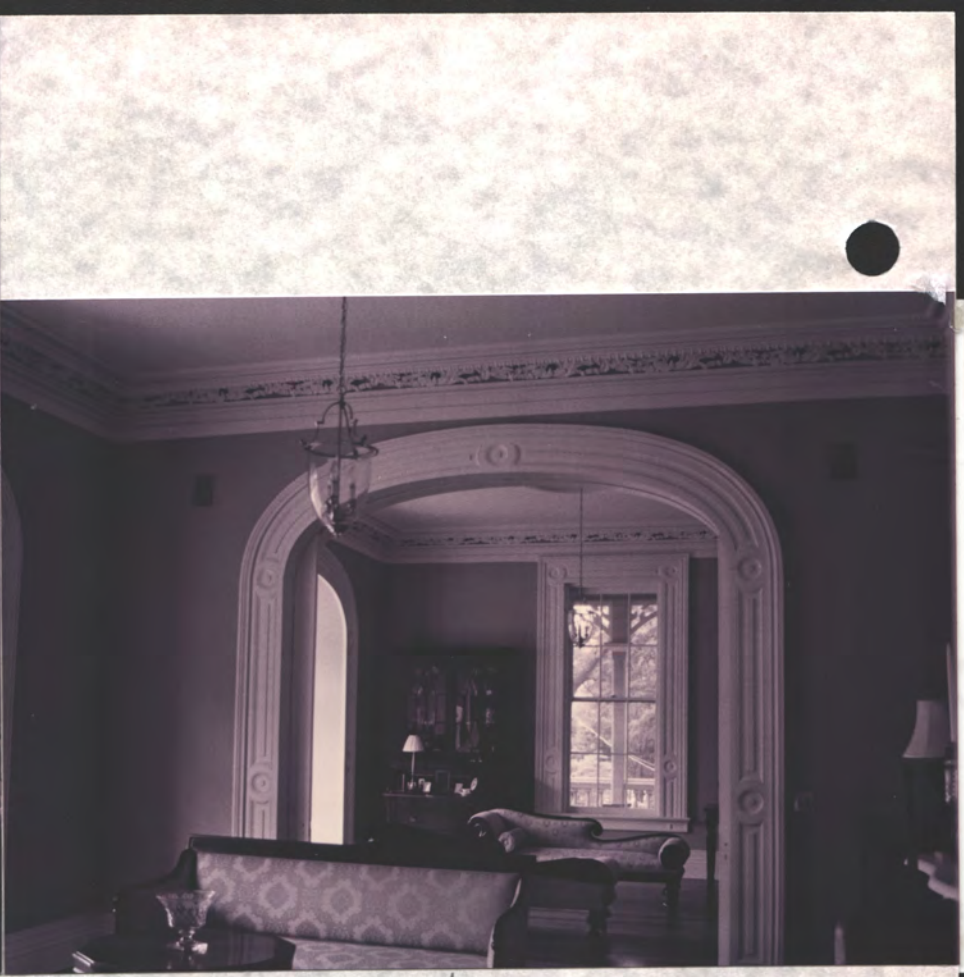
→ 1993 Blkfst Rm

→ H.

→ N



H ←



→ H

Db. Parlors



→ H



W. Parlor
Orig. mantle wanted

→ H



← Undamaged orig. plaster cornice in NW Bay
 ↑ N
DBL PARLORS



← W. PARLOR
 → N



Restored hollow-plaster cornice. W. PARLOR
 Most destroyed or damaged by water
 in f after 1973 fire. Has sat for
 ± 2 yrs w/o a roof.



W. PARLOR

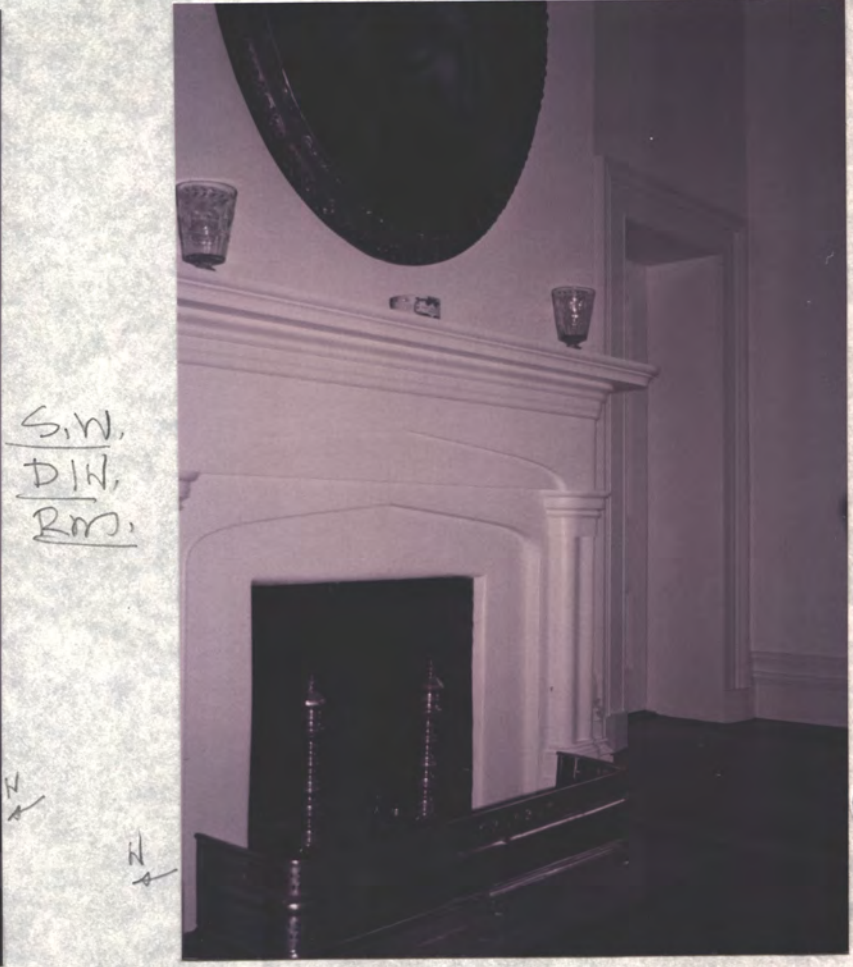


H

S.E. DRAWING RM

ORIG. MANTEL

YN

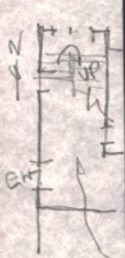


S.W.
D.W.
R.M.

H

H

REPLICATED MANTEL



N.W. HALL
 (This was once just my home)



Was
 N.E. CORNER
 OF HALLS
 REPLICATED
 15656
 ORIG
 15656



7 of 9

1993 W. EXT. (AS) NW



1993 W. EXT. (AS) NW



DW
UP
HN
AN
New (1994) stair just west of
S.C. Rm.



New (1993) CI Stair up to tower rm (HW)



Patterned after Rhetts house (c. 1860-70) stair
on N. & Ching Ave just east of Larry Pope Walker 1-151



AT GRND FL.

Note
windows
open,
design
by HJ



↑ N



↑ N

1993-A TOWER RM (H) S. REAR OF TOWER HAS TALL SASHES

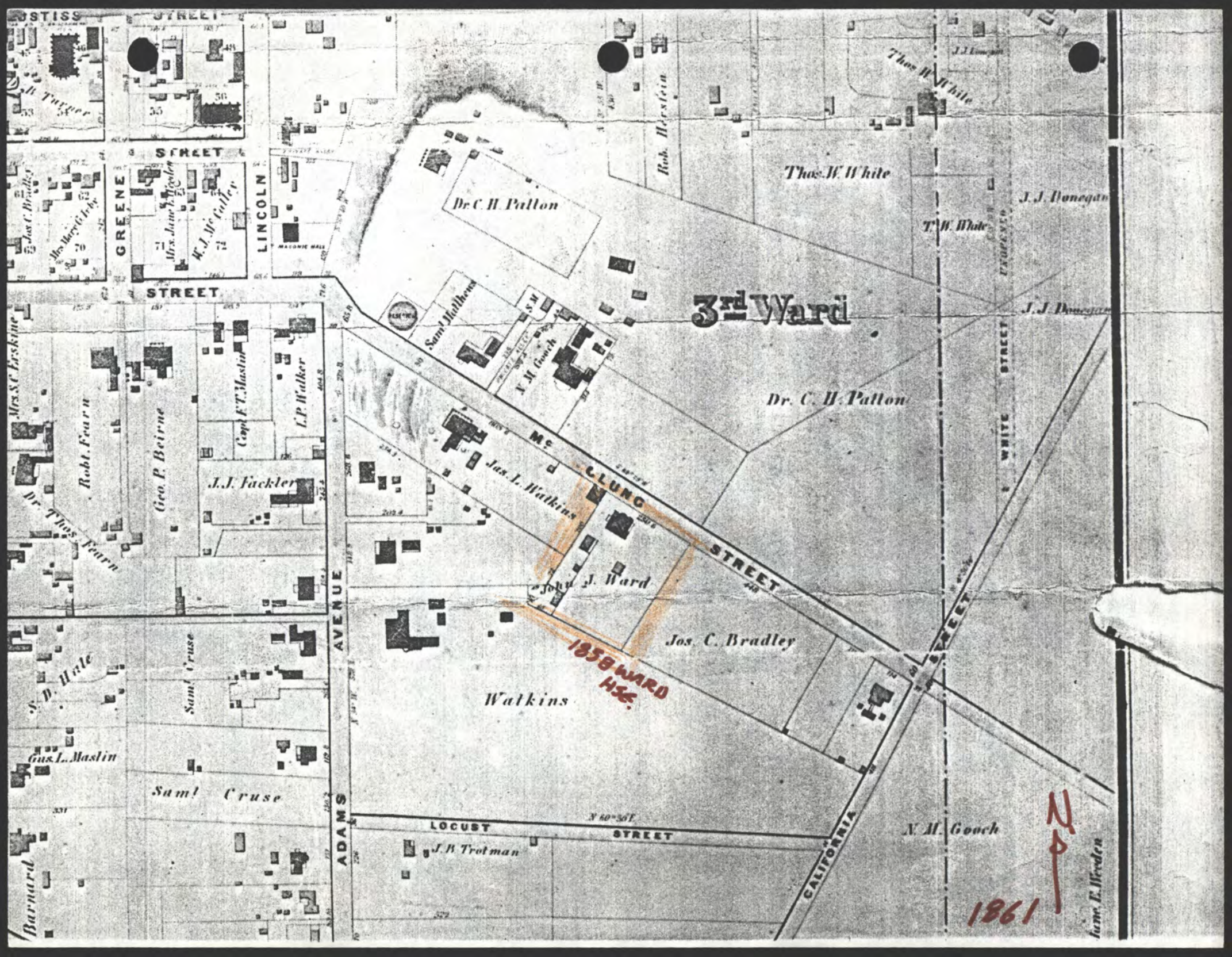


↑ N

9 of 9



↑ N



3rd Ward

1858 WARD HSE.

1861

Dr. C. H. Patton

Thos. W. White

J. J. Donegan

T. W. White

J. J. Donegan

Dr. C. H. Patton

Saml. Malhouse

J. M. Gouch

Jas. L. Watkins

J. Ward

Jos. C. Bradley

Watkins

J. J. Fackler

L. P. Walker

Capt. F. T. Mastin

Geo. F. Beirne

Robt. Fearu

Mrs. S. C. Eskine

Dr. Thos. Fearu

S. D. Wade

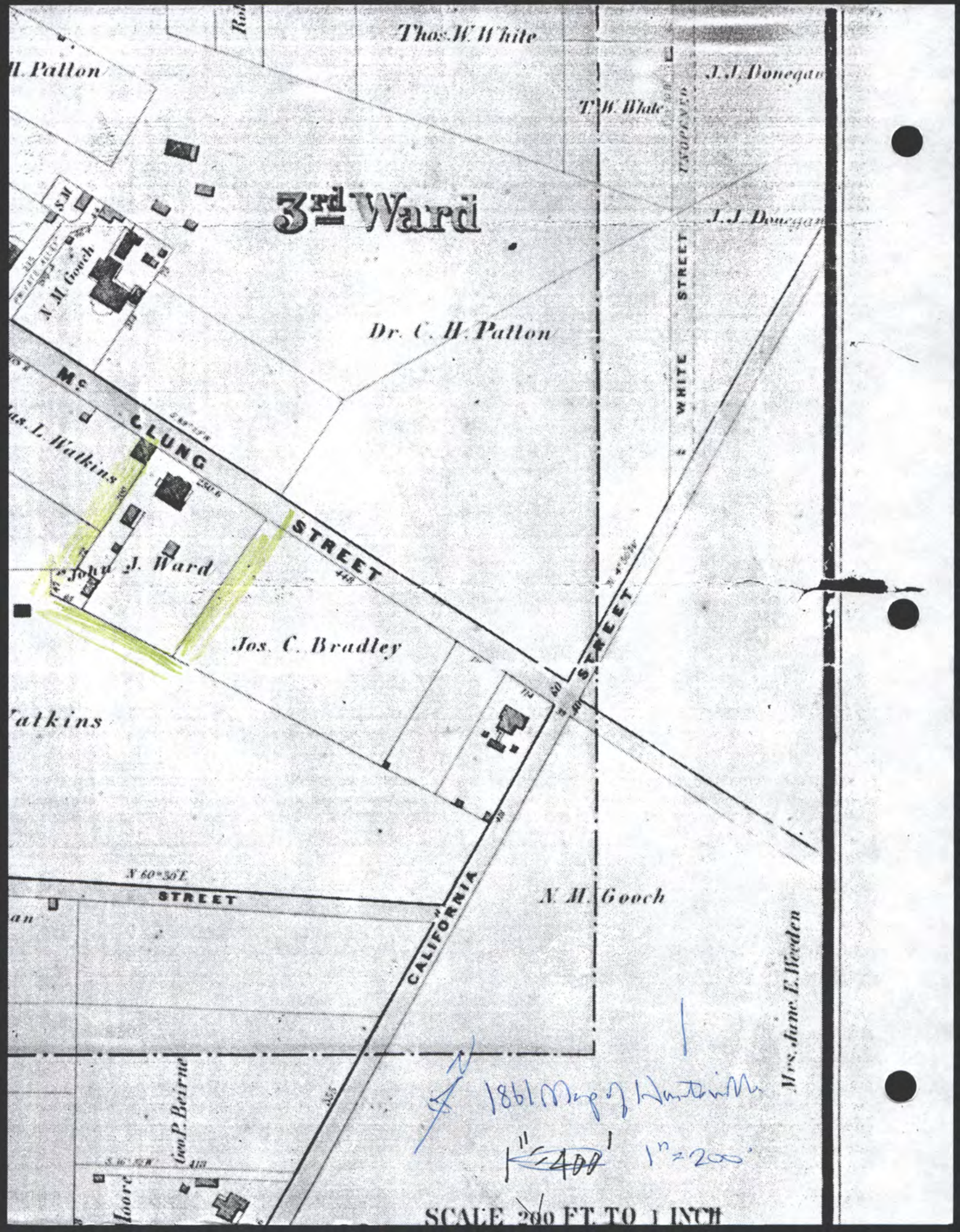
Gus. L. Maslin

Saml. Cruse

J. B. Trotman

N. M. Gouch

Jane E. Wreden



3rd Ward

Dr. C. H. Patton

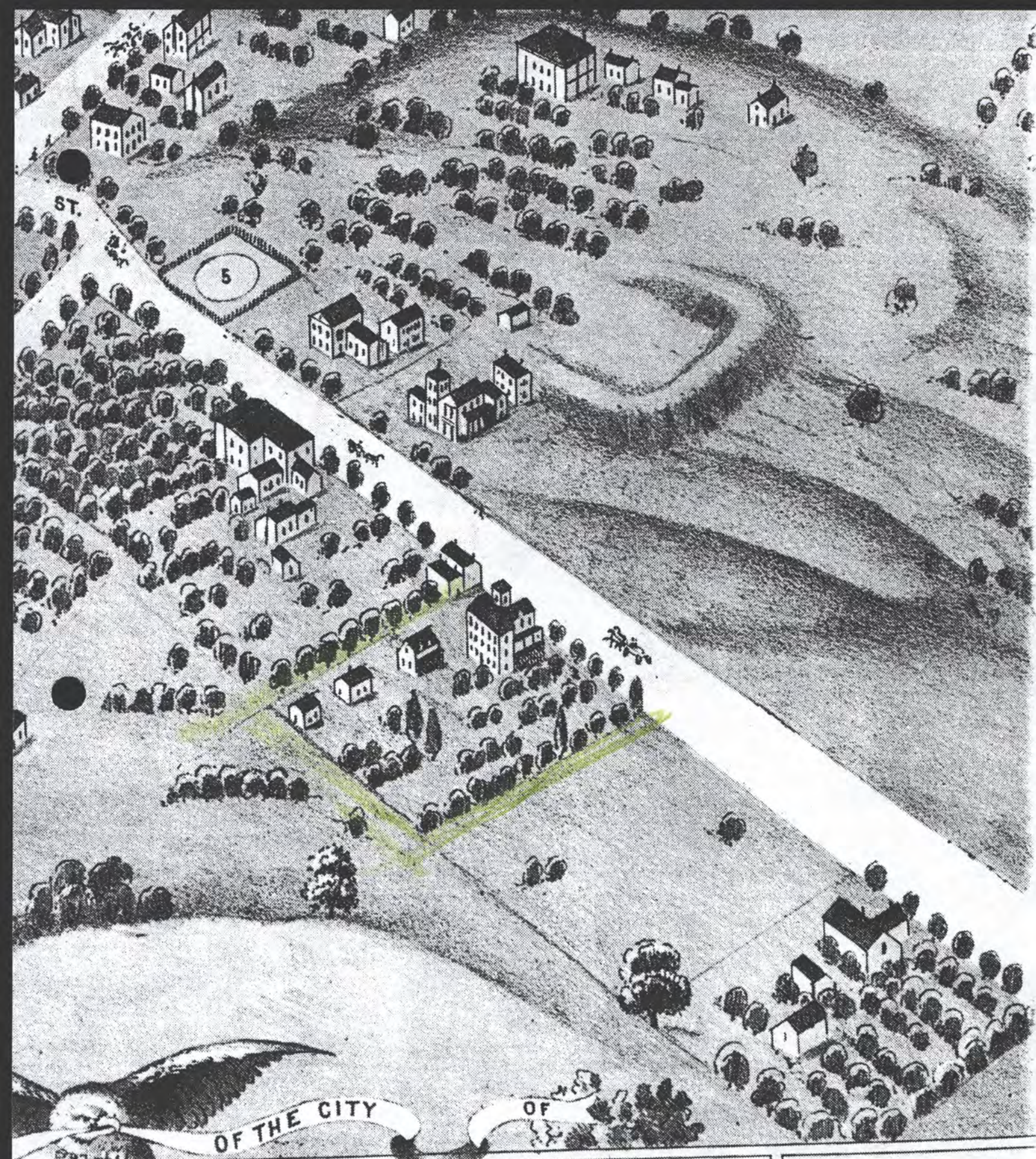
Jos. C. Bradley

N. H. Gooch

Mrs. Jane E. Weeden

1861 Map of Hartsville
1" = 400' 1" = 200'

SCALE 200 FT. TO 1 INCH



1871 View of Huntsville *EN*

HUNTSVILLE

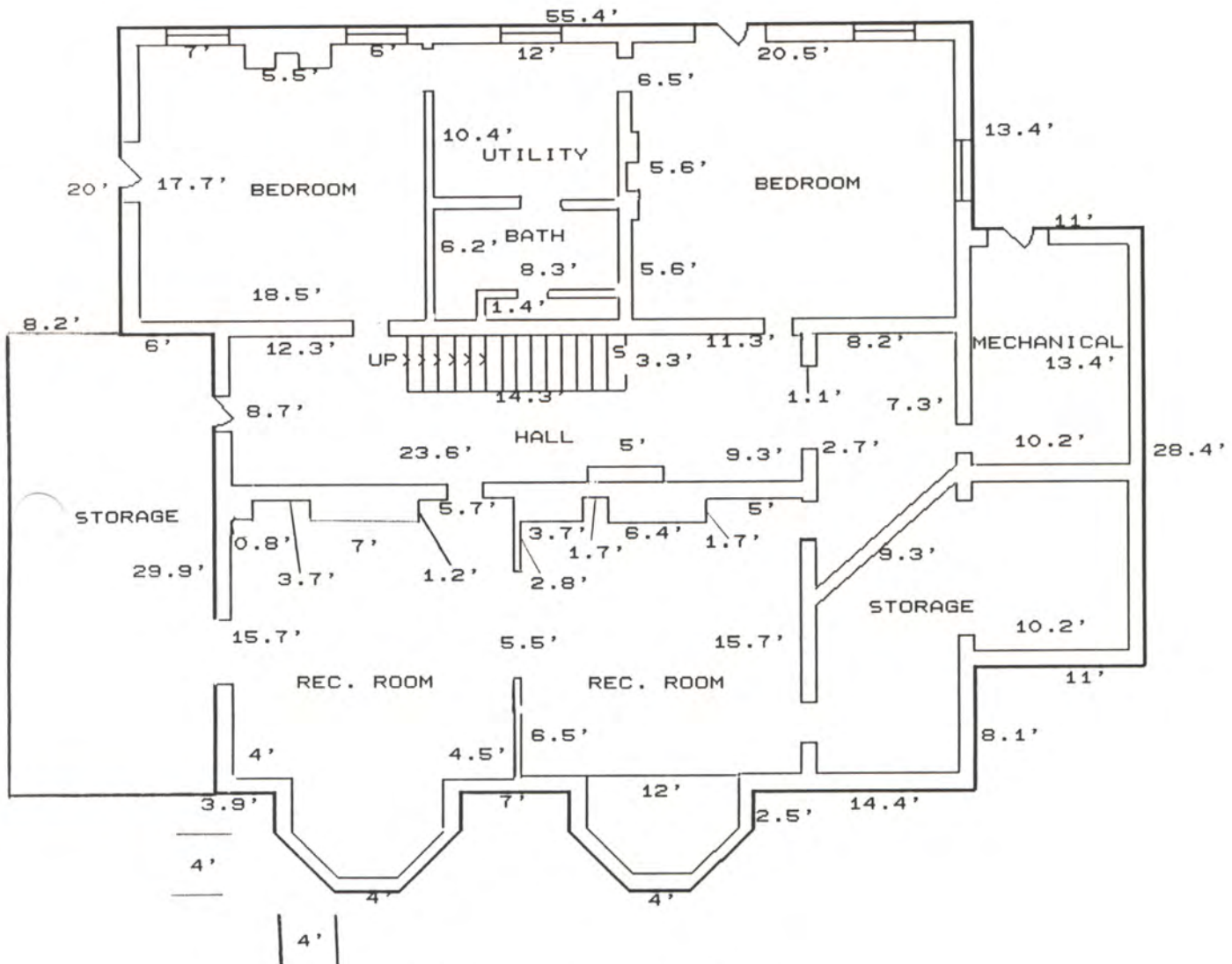
COUNTY ALABAMA

CHURCHES

- 9. Baptist.
- 10. Episcopal.
- 11. Methodist.
- 12. Presbyterian.

BASEMENT

424 McCLUNG AVENUE



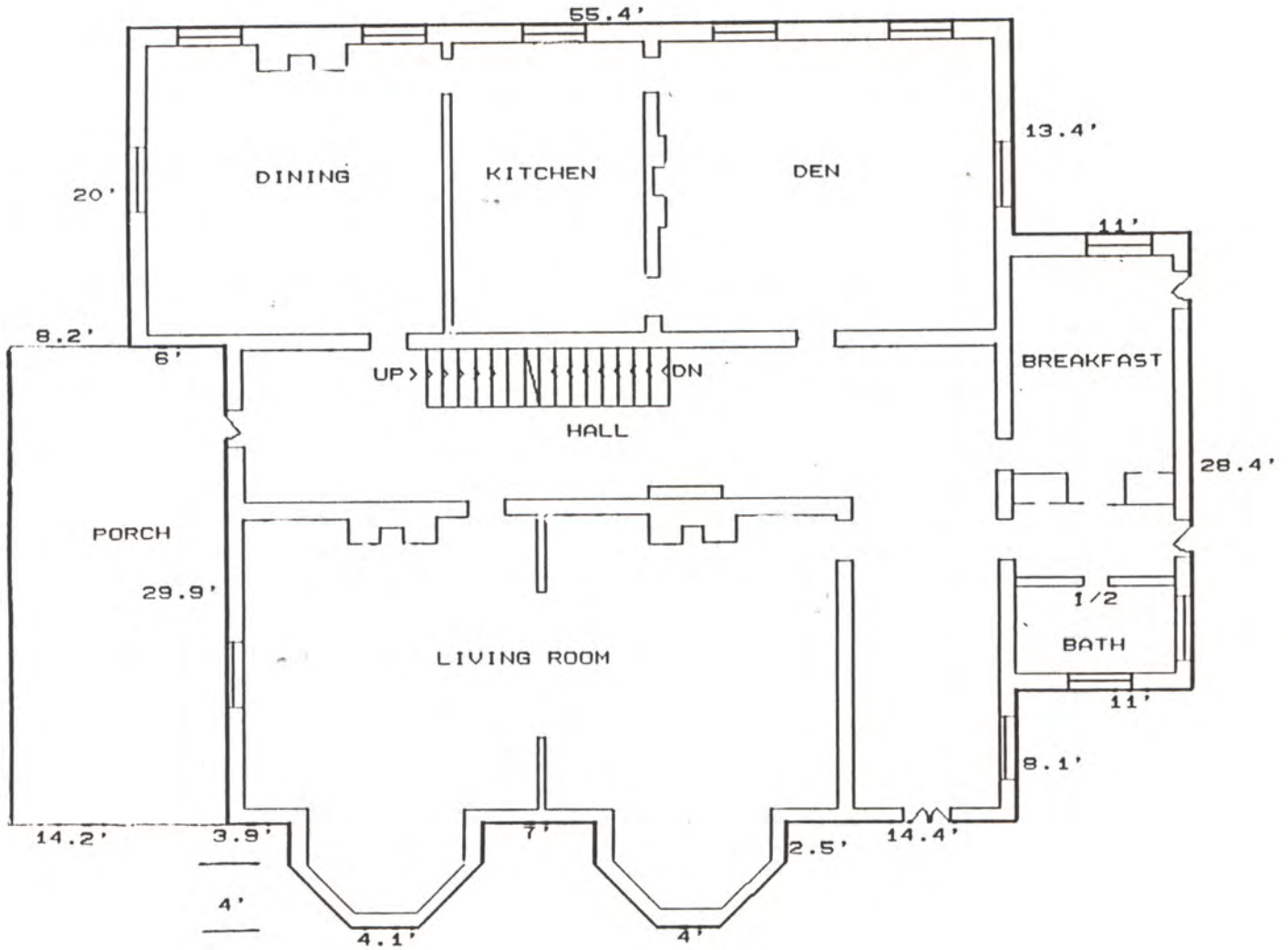
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14.4' x 49.9'	= 718.6'
4.0' x 54.4'	= 217.6'
4.0' x 56.4'	= 225.6'
4.0' x 54.4'	= 217.6'
7.0' x 49.9'	= 349.3'
4.0' x 54.4'	= 217.6'
4.1' x 56.4'	= 231.2'
4.0' x 54.4'	= 217.6'
3.9' x 49.9'	= 194.6'
6.0' x 20.0'	= 120.0'
3,022.1'	

*Dim of Army by
owner,
Dr. Meyer Dworsky
in 1990*

Scale: 1" = 11'

1ST FLOOR PLAN

424 McLOTH AVENUE

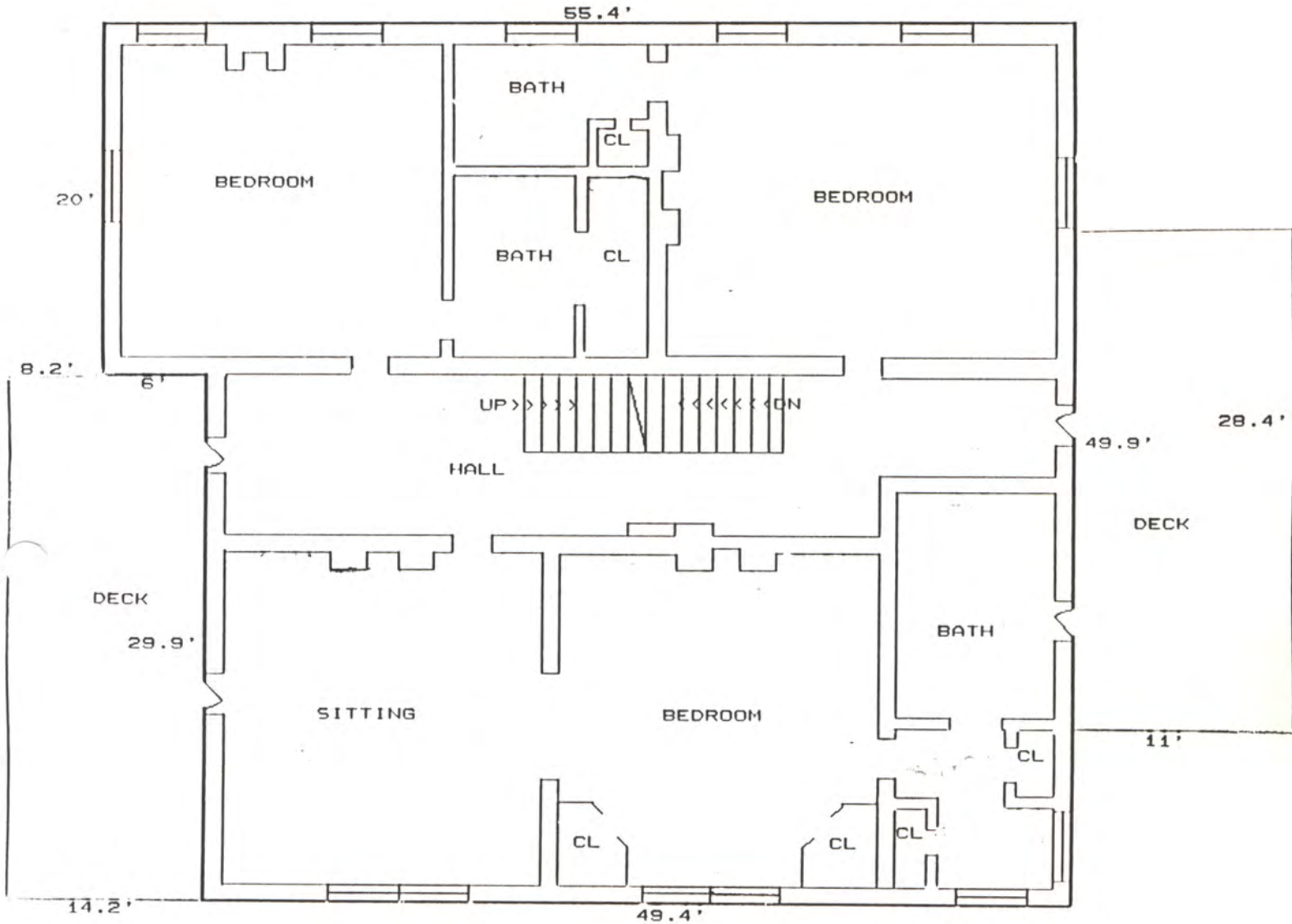


Measurements		Total
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11.0' x	41.8' =	459.8'
14.4' x	49.9' =	718.6'
4.0' x	54.4' =	217.6'
4.0' x	56.4' =	225.6'
4.0' x	54.4' =	217.6'
7.0' x	49.9' =	349.3'
4.0' x	54.4' =	217.6'
4.1' x	56.4' =	231.2'
4.0' x	54.4' =	217.6'
3.9' x	49.9' =	194.6'
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Scale: 1" = 11'

2ND FLOOR PLAN

424 McCLUNG AVENUE

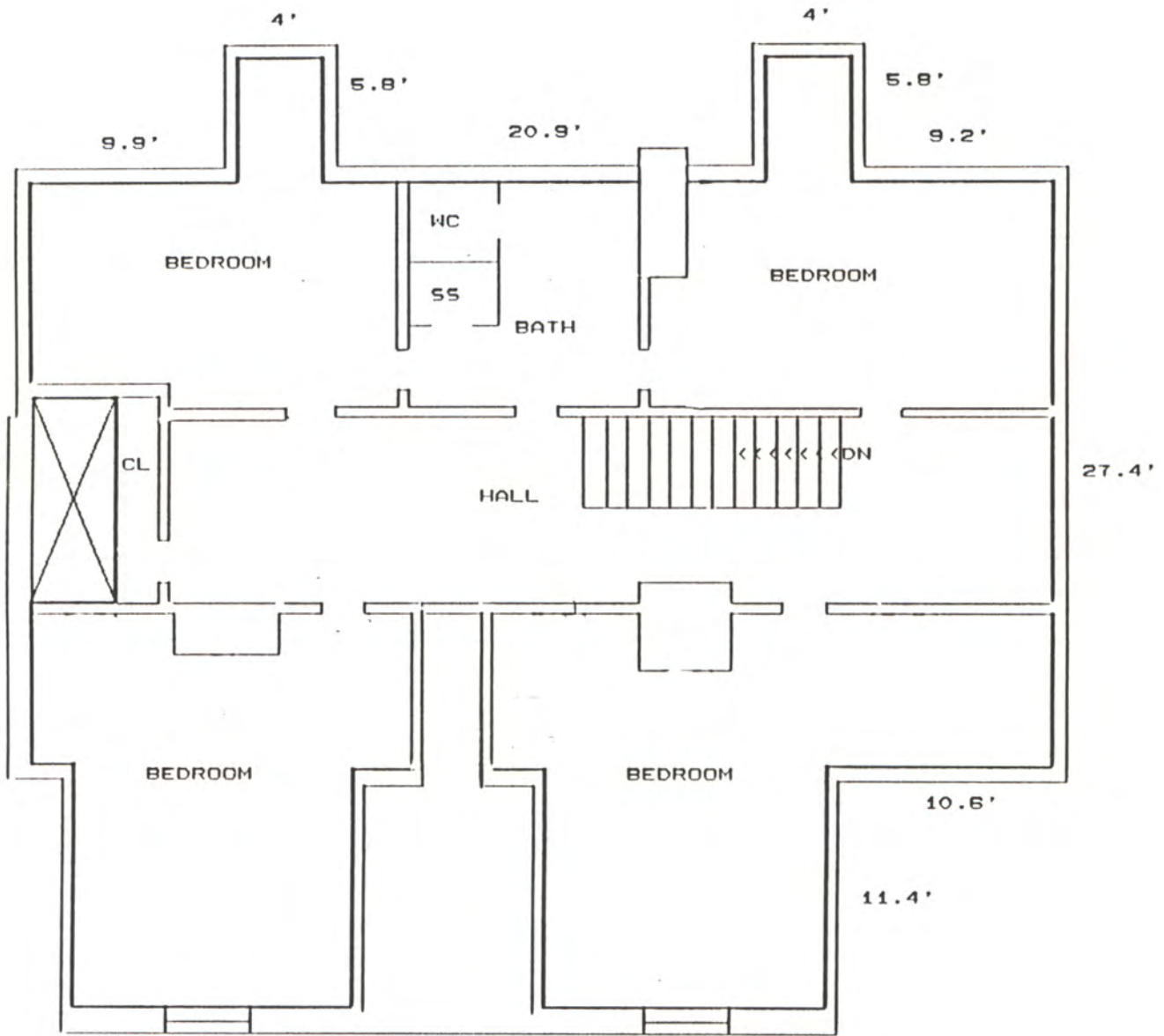


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49.4' x	49.9' =	2,465.1'
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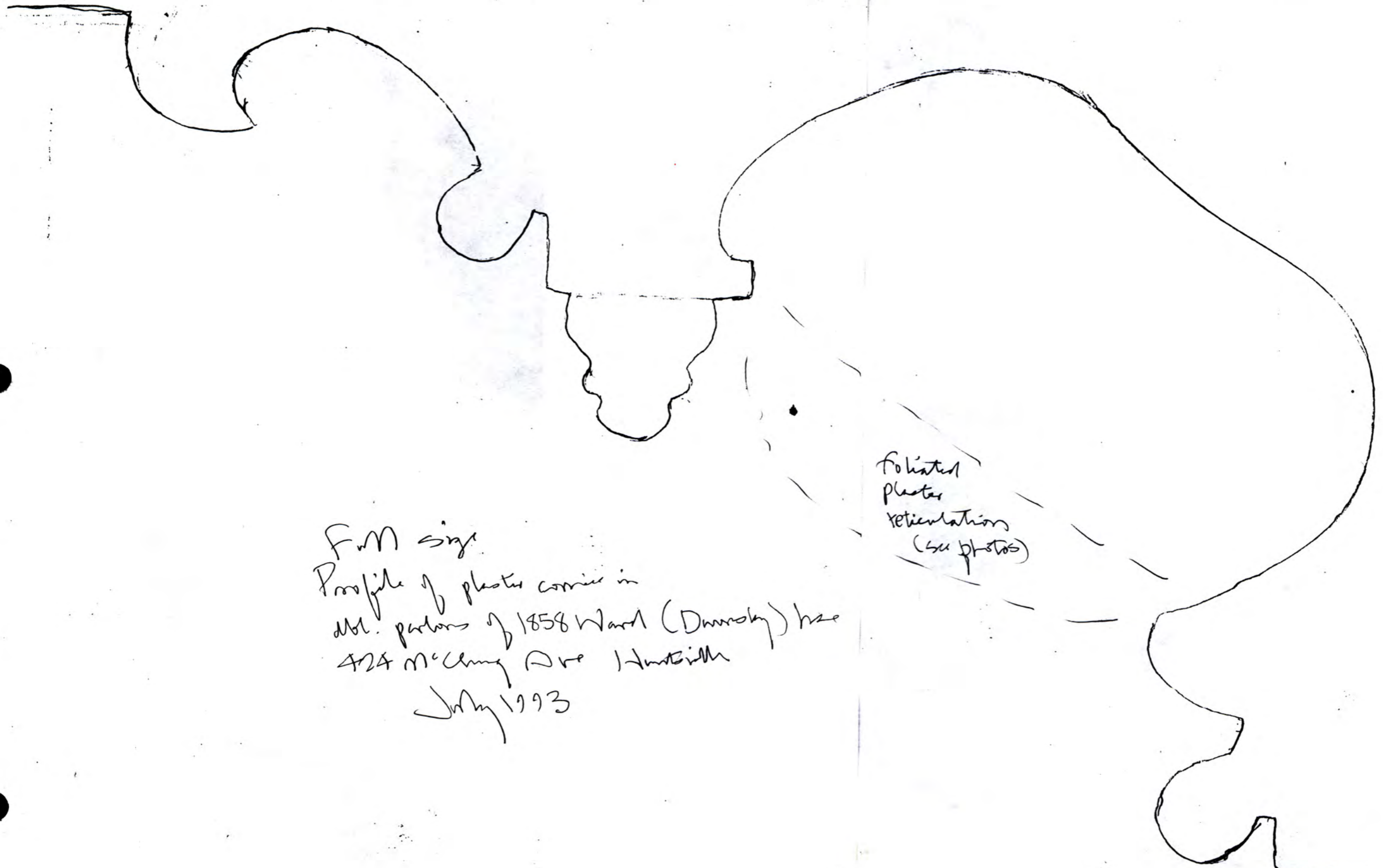
424 McCLUNG AVENUE



Measurements		Total
10.6' x	33.2' =	351.9'
13.2' x	44.6' =	588.7'
9.1' x	33.4' =	303.9'
13.2' x	44.6' =	588.7'
2.0' x	33.1' =	66.2'
-4.0' x	25.6' =	-102.4'
4.1' x	15.9' =	65.2'
-9.9' x	5.8' =	-57.4'
-20.9' x	5.8' =	-121.2'
-9.4' x	5.8' =	-54.5'
		1,629.1'

Scale: 1" = 8'

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Full size
 Profile of plaster cornice in
 dbl. parlors of 1858 Ward (Dunwoody) hse
 424 McClung Ave Huntville
 July 1993

foliated
 plaster
 reticulations
 (see photos)

→ brown coat infill
 ← white coat

frieze
 bottom

wall

c. 1858 Ward 12th, McClung Ave, Huntsville, AL

Plaster Parlor - Cornice

Full Size Section, by Gerts

June 93



Residence of
Richard Wilde Walker
about 1870

Said to be 1858 Ward Hse
on McClung Ave, H'ville.

Photo found in N.C. April '93 in estate papers,
AF762 tower rebuilt per 1871 Birds Eye View
w/ PYRAMIDAL RM on tower (not apparent in this photo - ? -)
HJ April 16 - '93

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One of Huntsville's architec-
tural and historical gems,
severely damaged in a fire
July 9, can still be saved,
according to architect Harvie
P. Jones.

The house at 424 McClung
Ave., within the Twickenham
Historic Preservation District,
was first declared a total loss
by the fire department.

However, Jones says that
much of the structure, includ-
ing the part most valuable
from an architectural stand-
point, can be salvaged. A
contractor confirms that re-
pairing the house would be
economically feasible.

Officers and directors of the
Twickenham Historic Preser-
vation District Association
passed a resolution expressing
the hope that the house will
be purchased and rebuilt be-
cause of its architectural mer-
it and historical importance.
To encourage rebuilding,
the Twickenham Association

is handling enquiries about
the building; requests for in-
formation may be addressed
to the association's secretary
at One Cruse Alley.

Morgan Voter Update Sites Are Selected

The Times Decatur Bureau
FALKVILLE — Monday
and Tuesday, the Morgan
County Board of Registrars
will conduct its voter address
update project at Cove
Springs at the county shop
building, east of here.

Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday, the registrars will be
at Eva City Hall.

Hours each day will be 9
a.m. until 4 p.m.

The registrars urge every
registered voter in the two
precincts to either appear in
person or have a member of
the family to provide full
names, ages and addresses of

Damaged by Fire

Architect Says House Can Be Saved

The house, which occupied
a one-acre tract, is in the
style of Andrew Jackson
Downing, said Jones. Downing
was a mid-19th century archi-
tect whose style became popu-
lar through architectural
handbooks. A number of noted
examples of Downing's style
are found in the Northeast,
but the McClung Street house
is one of only two examples in
Huntsville.

One typical feature of the
Downing style, barge boards
(fancily decorated sloped
eaves), can be seen on the
exterior of the house here.
Among the valuable interior
details that survived the fire
are carved crown moldings;

moldings in the double parlor
are three dimensional. Surviv-
ing, too, are Italian marble
mantelpieces that are proba-
bly original. Several rooms
still have their original pine
floors.

"The house right now is
salvageable," said Jones,
"but if it is to be saved, it had
better be done quickly. The
roof in many places is open,
and every day of exposure
endangers the plasterwork
more."

Architecture aside, the
building is notable for its
close association with the
judicial and political history
of the city and state.

Research by the Twicken-
ham Association places its
construction date at about
1857. Originally, the house
was owned by John J. Ward
and occupied a two-acre tract.

On Dec. 27, 1869, it was
transferred to Mary A. Walk-
er, wife of R.W. Walker.
Walker was the son of John
Williams Walker, the first
U.S. senator from Alabama
and one of Madison County's
first settlers and land pur-
chasers. The elder Walker
was also president of the
state's constitutional conven-
tion here in 1819. Sen. Walk-
er's wife, and R.W. Walker's
mother, was a daughter of
Leroy Pope, Huntsville's first
land developer.

R.W. Walker, a lawyer,
served as a state legislator,
speaker of the house, State
Supreme Court judge, dele-
gate to the provisional Con-



HISTORICAL HOME SAID SALVAGABLE
Tied to State's Political History

gress of the Confederacy, and
senator in the Confederate
Congress. His brother, Leroy
Pope Walker, was the Confe-
deracy's first secretary of war.
Mrs. Walker died in 1914,
bequeathing the house for life
to her daughter Margaret W.
Bolling, who in 1929 transfer-
red the property to Florence
Easton Bolling, mother of

Richard Walker Bolling Jr.,
longtime congressman from
Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Bolling
retained the property until
deeding it to Marguerite V.
Spragins in 1948. Mrs. Sprag-
ins is the widow of Maj. Gen.
Robert Spragins. Mrs. B.A.
Stockton Sr. acquired the
property in 1965, and disposed
of it after the recent fire.

the Labor party is prepared to hold
form a government and to hold

Business

Harvie P. Jones has been ap-
pointed to serve on the Mar-
National Committee on the
Historic Resources of Ar-
American Institute of Ar-
chitects. He is a partner in the
firm of Jones and Herrin,
Architects, A.I.A.

Richard P. Van Valkenburgh Jr. has qualified as a
registered representative of Mort-
John Hancock Distributors, Mort-
Inc., broker-dealer for Atlanta

tion of the United States."

Beautification Officers Picked

Huntsville architect Harvie
Jones has been re-elected
chairman of the Beautification
Board for 1974.

Other officers selected at
the Wednesday meeting were
Rocky Walters, recording
secretary. Appointed to board
positions were Tom Joyce, ex-
ecutive representative to the
Planning Commission, and
Carlene Elrod, garden club,
and Butch Danson was named
corresponding secretary.

A citation was presented by
the board to Leonard Twinn,
who has served as a board
officer for the past eight years.

Feb 7 '74
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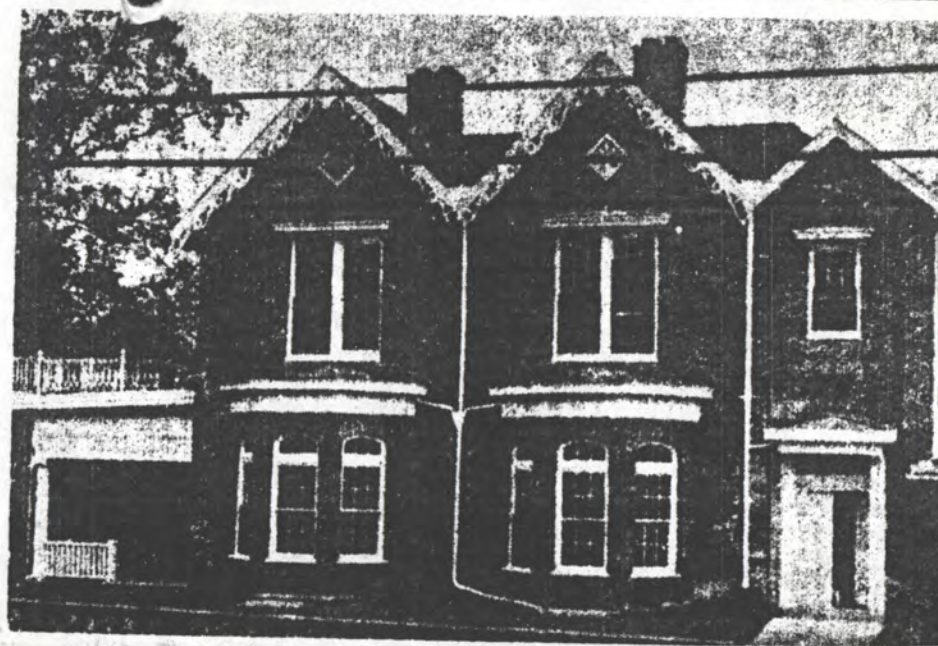
The house, which occupies a lot which is 176.0 X 200.0 X 200.5 X 201.6 feet, is in the style of Andrew Jackson Downing, a mid-nineteenth century architect whose style became popular through architectural handbooks. According to the Association, it is one of only two examples in Huntsville and was built about 1840.

One typical example of the Downing style is the fancy barge boards on the eaves. Among the valuable interior details are carved, three dimensional crown moldings and Italian marble mantelpieces in the twin parlors at the front of the house.

The house was damaged by fire on July 9, 1973. Since that date the structure has been examined by architects and has been pronounced sound. A complete new roof has been built and all the interior structural damage has been repaired by Floyd Rutledge, a local contractor specializing in restoration of historic homes.

The house has over 7000 square feet of interior living space. The main floor has 2600 square feet, the upper floor 2300 square feet, and the lower floor which was finished as living space, approximately 1500 square feet.

When renovation was in its early stages, the property was appraised by the American Institute for Real Estate Appraisers at \$49,000 for the house and \$35,000 for the land. Subsequent appraisal by the contractor re-evaluating all property for tax purposes in Madison County, when renovation and restoration of the present condition was virtually complete,



placed the value of the house at more than \$65,000, with the land valuation not completed as of this writing. The house is currently owned by an investor group and is being offered for immediate sale at \$85,000. ~~There is an existing mortgage of \$15,000 which can be assumed by the buyer.~~

The house is notable for its close association with the judicial and political history of the city and state. Originally the house was owned by John J. Ward and occupied a two acre tract. On December 27, 1869, it was transferred to Mary A. Walker, wife of R. W. Walker. Walker was the son of John Williams Walker, the first U.S. Senator from Alabama and one of Madison County's first settlers and land purchasers. The elder Walker was also president of the state's constitutional convention here in 1819. Senator Walker's wife, and R. W. Walker's mother, was a daughter of Leroy Pope, Huntsville's first land developer.

R. W. Walker, a lawyer, served as a state legislator, speaker of the house, State Supreme Court judge, delegate to the provisional Congress of the Confederacy, and senator in the Confederate Congress. His brother, Leroy Pope Walker, was the Confederacy's first secretary of war.

Mrs. Walker died in 1914, bequeathing the house for life to her daughter Margaret W. Bolling, who in 1929 transferred the property to Florence Easton Bolling, mother of Richard Walker Bolling Jr., long-time congressman from Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Bolling retained the property until deeding it to Marguerite V. Spragins in 1946. Mrs. Spragins is the widow of Major General Robert Spragins. Mrs. B.A. Stockton, Sr. acquired the property in 1964, and disposed of it after the recent fire.

If additional information is desired, or if you wish to tour the property, call ~~David L. Hardy~~ at 837-1105.

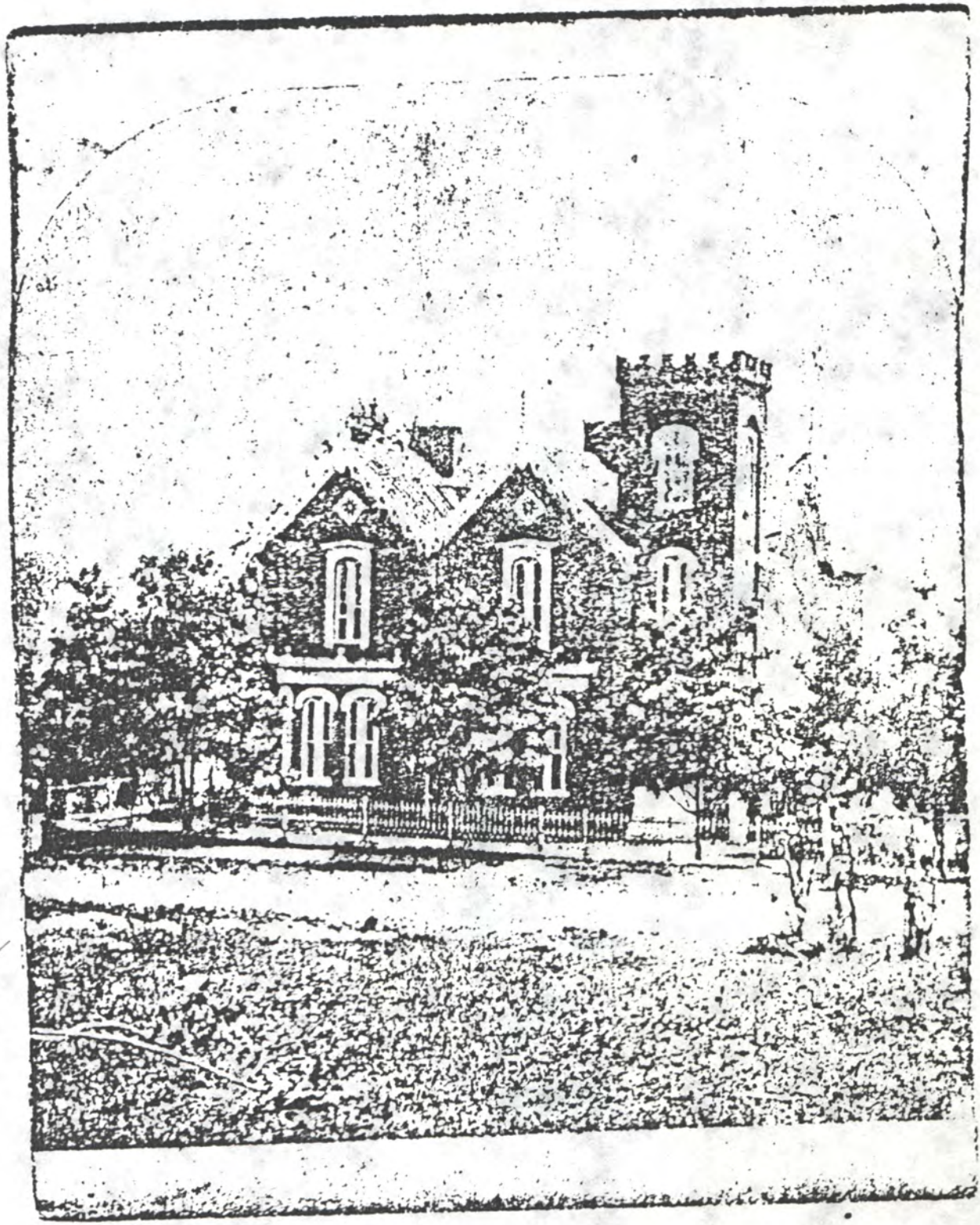
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Paul B. ...

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1858 Ward Lane, 424 McCung Ave, Huntsville AL
photo c. 1870 (Richard W. Walker, owner)
from estate papers found in N.C.

After tower was rebuilt in early '93 to a conjectural design
by J & H Dicks - HJMS



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McCung Ave, Huntsville, AL, 1870

Aug 16 1993

1858 WARD HOUSE RESTORATION
424 MCCLUNG AVENUE
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
JONES & HERRIN Architecture/Interior Design
Huntsville, Alabama

In the early 20th century the tower of the 1858 Ward House was decapitated, with only a small 1871 Bird's Eye View of Huntsville to show it, plus obvious indications of its former presence that remained on the tower-stub. The original stair was apparently removed in the same period, with an incompatible and somewhat makeshift replacement taking its place in a different location.

In 1972, a fire burned off most of the roof, with heavy water damage resulting to the interior for over a year until a new owner engaged the architects to reroof the house to stabilize it. The next owner made a few inappropriate repairs in the 1980's. In 1991, a third owner then engaged the architect to restore the tower and porches, consult on the interior restoration, design two small additions and the new entry-court, and correct the inappropriate 1980's work.

Since the lost tower top details were only implied by the tiny 1871 drawing and site evidences, the details of the rebuilt tower were made compatible with the house but are not directly derived from any 1850's tower. The rebuilt east porch (which replaced a jarring "Colonial" 1920's replacement porch) likewise has the flavor of 1858 without being a copy, as does the new west porch. A small gabled west addition was made for baths and an entry, its details being harmonious with those of the two north gables.

Since the south rear of the tower is concealed from view, a bank of tall windows was used on this side to overlook the valley and trees to the south. Small operable porthole windows were detailed to illuminate the other three sides of the tower-room, which the owners use as an adventuresome space for social occasions.

Stock 1990's moulds, framing etc. were used on the new work to assist those in the future to approximately date its period of installation. The tower framework is also dated.

Nov. 14 - 1996
Given Restor. Award
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judged by a group of architects
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1858 WARD HOUSE RESTORATION - 1973 + 1991-1995
MCCLUNG AVENUE, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
JONES & HERRIN Architecture/Interior Design

SLIDE DESCRIPTION (Number in pencil on each slide)

1. 1871 view showing tower that was removed in the early 20th century.
2. 1972 rear view after fire destroyed the roof. House reroofed by the architects in 1973, but no further restoration until 1991.
3. West side in 1972 after fire destroyed the roof, with heavy water damage to the interior.
4. West side after 1991-1995 restoration, including rebuilding of the tower and adding a new gabled section on the west side for bathrooms, side entry etc.
5. Rebuilt tower. Details harmonious with the 1858 house.
6. Added west wing detail. Cast iron vent cast from an 1858 original in the north gables. Bargeboards are cut from marine plywood. Finial patterned after a stub that remained on the north gable.
7. 1973 photo of east side, after 1972 fire. Colonial Revival porch and steel stair are 20th century modifications. See 1871 view in slide No. 1.
8. East side in 1995. Porch details similar to 1850's types, with stock modern moulding and framing for dating clues in the future.
9. East side in 1995. New breakfast room addition at lower left. See slide No. 12 for interior. Modern details harmonious with the 1858 house.
10. West parlor after 1972 fire. Note water-damaged hollow-work plaster cornice.
11. Double-parlors. Restored plaster hollow-work cornice.
12. New breakfast-room addition. Modern details but harmonious with the 1858 house.
13. New stair. Original stair had been removed by the early 20th century. Details patterned after a nearby circa 1870 house.
14. Looking down from rebuilt tower room.
15. Rebuilt tower room.
16. Rebuilt tower room, tall sashes on the concealed south side overlooking the valley below.

CIRCA 1858 WARD HOUSE, 424 MCCLUNG AVENUE (GOTHIC/ITALIAN VILLA STYLE)

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The Ward House originally had a tower, as evidenced by the 1871 "Bird's Eye View" of Huntsville and clear clues on the bobbed-off tower. By 1970 a steel outside stair led to second-floor apartments and the house had been generally cut up in an ad-hoc manner. In ~~about~~ 1973 a major fire unroofed the house, and thus it sat until 1974 with no roof, resulting in significant damage to its elaborate decorative plaster. However, since 19th century wood is highly rot-resistant there was little permanent damage to the framing and flooring.

In 1974 after about two years with no roof, the house was roofed and dried-out. Later in the decade some renovation occurred. Beginning in about 1990 the house was thoroughly restored, including the reconstruction of its missing tower, with conjectured details similar to other towers of the mid-19th century. The house is once again a beautiful and historic element in Huntsville's historic districts.

December 13, 1996

Mr. Harvie P. Jones, FAIA
Jones & Herrin, Architecture/Interior Design
104 Jefferson Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

*win "Gold Award" in
Nov. '96 by Gen. Shale
Brick, Company*

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please accept my apologies for taking so long in responding to your request. Congratulations again to Jones & Herrin. We very much appreciate your participation in the Excellence in Masonry program.

Here is the information you requested.

Members of our 1996 jury panel included representatives from:

McCarty, Holsaple, & McCarty
550 W. Main Street
Nationsbank Center, Suite 300
Knoxville, TN 37902

Adams, Craft, Herz & Walker
PO Box 5838
Oak Ridge, TN 37831

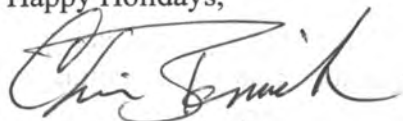
The copies of comments I have in my possession are of notes taken during the judging. I have tried to list them here as accurately as possible. Please note that no representative from General Shale participated in any of the discussions among panel members. Therefore, many of their comments are unknown to me.

"The Ward House is an extremely rich project in a beautiful park-like setting. It would be a pleasure to live in this house. The site design is very sensitive to the existing historical building while providing privacy from the street."

"Site-work works in harmony with house. Respectful and sensitive to original character of the house. Landscaping married the house to the site appropriately."

Thanks again for your participation. We look forward to next year. And we certainly hope Jones & Herrin has many, many new brick projects to enter.

Happy Holidays,



Chris Bonich



Recreated 1858 tower top section was completed on the ground & raised w/ a crane onto the tower. The final of a man were then lifted onto the top (by crane) of the final attached. Mayor Dunsby & Ravelle Gwynn had coffee & donuts for all, about 50 persons watching from the street

JONES & HERRIN

Architecture/Interior Design

July 28, 1993

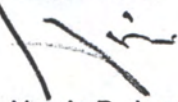
Ms. Revelle Gwyn
424 McClung Avenue
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Re: c.1858 Ward-Dworsky House
Project No. 90030

Dear Revelle:

John Rison Jones reports that a recent visitor who grew up across the street from your house recalls the crenelated tower shown in the old photo you recently obtained, and reports the tower was removed in the 1920's because it was "crumbling". A likely translation of this is the tower was then out of fashion and perhaps needed a new roof or something. (The crenelated First Presbyterian Church didn't "crumble".) This was a good excuse to get rid of it. I suspect that the east and south porches must have been remodeled at the same time, for the east porch had a distinct 1920's "Colonial" air to me.

Respectfully,



Harvie P. Jones, FAIA
HPJ/tm

cc: HJ



F. LAWRENCE OAKS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

468 South Perry Street
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-0900



TELEPHONE NUMBER
242-3184

December 29, 1993

Mr. Harvie P. Jones, FAIA
Jones & Herron, Architects
104 Jefferson St.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Dear Harvie:

Belatedly I'd like to thank you for sending me a copy of the newspaper writeup on Silent in the Land. You were thoughtful to do so. There are shortcomings, but the book will, I trust, focus attention both on Alabama's legacy of rural 19th and early 20th-century domestic architecture and the issue of rural preservation itself. Thanks for your words of support and encouragement.

I was also intrigued by the photocopy of a circa 1870 view of Huntsville's Richard Wilde house. Though the refurbishment is not, in detail, like the original house, still it is very striking and well done given the evidence you had to work with before the picture turned up. Obviously the sash was changed out anyway many years ago. The Romanesque-like windows appearing in the old view are interesting and, unsurprisingly, remind me of Nashville dwellings of the same period. There are plates, especially one for "A Norman Villa," in Sloan's Model Architect that also bear some resemblance to the Wilde house.

All the best for the new year.

As ever,

Robert Gamble
Architectural Historian

RSG/jf

1854 Ward-Dunorsky R
McChung Ave

Hist. photo found
in a N.C. estate
AFTER tower top
was rebuilt
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NEWS RELEASE

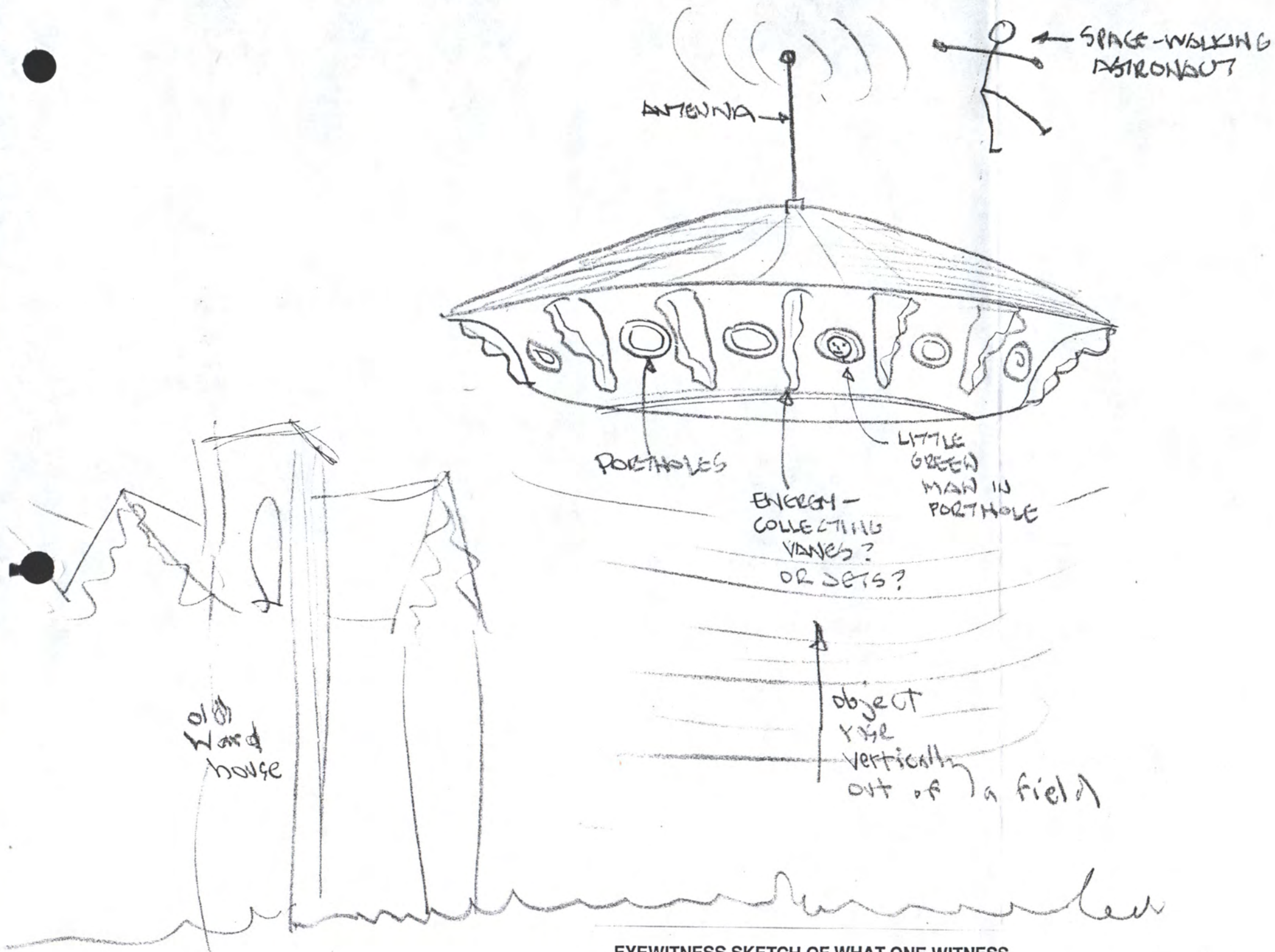
Several presumably sober Huntsville citizens on March 10, 1993 at about 9:45 AM reported they had observed an Unidentified Flying Object hovering and moving in the air above McClung Avenue, near the old 1858 Ward House. This object was reported to have a flattish elongated shape, somewhat like a saucer or bowl. A few of the citizens reported they saw a series of round portholes along the bottom rim of the object. At least one man said he saw a little green man peering out of one of the portholes. The object is reported to have had numerous scroll-like fins sprouting from the bottom of the rim, which some thought may be a mechanism for gathering magnetic energy from the space-ether, or perhaps were jet-nozzles.

The object is reported to have abruptly risen out of a field and then moved laterally toward Monte Sano, and appeared to some, perhaps solely due to the angle of view, to actually alight on top of the old Ward House. A tall antenna then reportedly sprang out of the top surface of the object. One woman reported she thought she saw an astronaut "space-walking" near the object.

Inasmuch as many of these citizens were seen to be imbibing some sort of liquid and suspicious-looking pastry at the time, perhaps not much credibility should be ascribed to this report, according to the eminent scientist Dr. I.C. Flederhaus. Dr. Flederhaus was of the opinion that if any object was actually seen, it was probably the sun flashing off an airplane approaching the nearby airport.

Your Skeptical Reporter, Harvie P. Jones

*See Mar 10 photos of tower top being
raised by crane*



EYEWITNESS SKETCH OF WHAT ONE WITNESS
THOUGHT HE SAW

(NOTE: WITNESS WORE THICK GLASSES &
SEEMED TO WALK UNSTEADILY)

NEWS RELEASE

In another development on the March 10 reported sighting on McClung Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama of what witnesses seemingly described as a sort of Victorian flying saucer, a resident of McClung Avenue has reported seeing several large Oreo cookies on the roof finials of the old 1858 Ward house. The resident did not state how he could tell these were Oreos, as opposed to Nabiscos or some other brand.

Upon being questioned as to his opinion on this latest bizarre McClung Avenue sighting, the eminent scientist Dr. I.C. Flederhaus commented that there seemed to be a number of kookys on McClung Avenue and perhaps some of them could have become plastered, in a manner of speaking, on the houses. Dr. Flederhaus requested that no more sightings on McClung Avenue be brought to his attention.

Harvie P. Jones, Reporter

Dr. Meyer Dvorsky (owner) referred to the "bosses" on the finials as "Oreo Cookies" (see photos)