5250 Macland Road
Powder Springs
Cobb County
Georgia

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HISTORIC BUILDING DOCUMENTATION

5250 MACLAND ROAD

Location: 5250 Macland Road, at the intersection with Corner Road (northeast corner), Powder Springs, Cobb County, Georgia.

USGS Lost Mountain, Georgia, Quadrangle; Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 16 0712084E 3753521N.

Present Owner: TBS Development, Inc., Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia.

Present Use: Vacant.

Historical Information:

According to Cobb County tax assessment records, the house at 5250 Macland Road was constructed in ca. 1900. However, Victorian-era detailing on the structure indicates that the dwelling may have been built earlier, perhaps in the 1880s or 1890s. Anecdotal information from a former owner states that the house originated as a log cabin and was added to numerous times over the years. Physical inspection of the structure has shown no visible surviving evidence of log construction, however.

In January 1898, J.W. Rakestraw sold all of land lots 436 and 454 (40 acres each), and five acres of land lot 453, to R.E. Daniell for $950. (Land lot 436 contains the subject property.) Cobb County deed records are unclear as to when Rakestraw acquired the 85 acres; his name does not appear as a grantee prior to 1898. (Perhaps Rakestraw acquired the acreage before the county courthouse fire of 1864; if so, there would be no surviving record of the purchase.) It is known that the Moon family, one of the pioneer families in Cobb County, owned land in the area and was active in politics and education in Powder Springs (Temple 1935:49, 80, 110, 399, 568). Thus, a member of that family may have sold the acreage to Rakestraw. The Rakestraws were also early settlers in the area but arrived after the Moon family (Temple 1935:527). If the dwelling dates to the 1880s or 1890s, then it likely was constructed by Rakestraw, who owned the property for most of those two decades.

R.E. Daniell and his successors owned the property for 48 years (1898–1946). If the house does indeed date to ca. 1900, then Daniell likely built the structure shortly after purchasing the land from Rakestraw. In July 1940, D.O. Daniell, as executor of R.E. Daniell's estate, purchased land lot 436 and portions of the adjoining land lots for $2,500 at public auction. In June 1946, D.O. Daniell sold land lot 436 and 13.2 acres in the adjoining land lots to William I. Craton for $10. Three and one-half years later, in December 1949, Craton sold 30 acres (including the house site) to C.C. and Agnes Hicks for $10. Less than two years later, the Hicks sold the same acreage back to Craton and his wife, Maggie, for the same price of $10. The Cratons held the property for seven years, selling 18 acres—14.4 acres in land lot 436 and 3.6 acres in land lot 453—in

February 1959 to Wilbur L. Cook for $10. Most recently, in July 2006, Douglas C. Cook, acting as executor for Wilbur Cook, sold 12.8 acres (including the house) to TBS Development, Inc.

Physical Description:

The dwelling at 5250 Macland Road is a gabled wing cottage with Folk Victorian detailing. The one-story, frame building features a concrete pier and stone pier foundation (with concrete block infill), asbestos shingle siding, and a composition asphalt shingle roof with hexagonal shingles (the rear roof slopes have asphalt roll roofing). The dwelling has two brick chimneys: a historic interior chimney with corbelling located near the intersection of the main north-south and east-west gables; and a historic interior chimney with corbelling located near the intersection of the main north-south gable and second rear-facing gable. The main façade (facing Corner Road) features two front-facing gables above the cornice line; the south side façade (facing Macland Road) exhibits one front-facing gable above the cornice line. Each gable has a molded, boxed cornice, a molded fascia board, and a decorative bargeboard at the peak. The bargeboard in the gable facing Macland Road is more elaborate and features a decorative spindlework motif.

The one-story front porch wraps around the west and south sides of the dwelling and is supported by 13 turned posts and two pilasters. Each post originally featured a pair of decorative brackets, but only a few survive at select posts. The porch's shed roof is covered with asphalt roll roofing, and the porch deck is comprised of tongue-and-groove boards. The south façade porch entry features a small, molded gable in line with the main roof gable. At the south entry on the west façade, the porch roof exhibits a slight gable, located between the main roof gables. The north entry on the west façade has no gable in the porch roof.

The south façade entry features a single-leaf, 12-light door. Windows at this façade contain two-over-two, double-hung sash. The south entry on the west façade has a single-leaf, 15-light door, while the north entry contains a Victorian-era, single-leaf wood door. This door features three bull's-eyes over a large, single light above three more bull's-eyes and three vertical panels. Windows at this façade contain both two-over-two, double-hung wood sash and two-over-four, double-hung wood sash. All windows on the house feature plain surrounds with wood sills and simply molded wood lintels.

The east side of the dwelling exhibits the rear side of the main east-west gable and the rear of a second gable. The space between the two gables is infilled and capped by a shallow shed roof. Each gable has a molded, boxed cornice and a plain fascia board. Windows at this side of the house include a six-over-one, double-hung wood sash unit; a one-by-one, aluminum sash unit; and two horizontal, two-over-two, double-hung wood sash units. A small, gabled utility shed with clapboard siding and a composition asphalt shingle roof is attached to the north gable.

A shed porch is located in the angle between the north side of the rear-facing north gable and the north end of the dwelling's main north-south gable. The porch sits on a concrete block foundation and features a concrete walk and several concrete steps leading to the central, wood

screened door. The east half of the porch has been infilled and sided with asbestos shingles. It exhibits one six-over-six, double-hung wood sash window. The west half of the porch features four screened openings above an area of wood drop siding. The porch roof is covered with corrugated metal roofing. The north end of the main north-south gable contains two two-over-two, double-hung wood sash windows and a crawlspace opening at the east side foundation. The main gable has a molded, boxed cornice, a plain fascia board, and a pair of decorative, scalloped cornice boards at the base of the gable.

The interior of the dwelling was not accessible during the documentation work. However, select views of the interior were available through the doors and some of the windows. Interior elements include a center hall with two rooms off each side running just north of the main east-west gable; a modern kitchen in the rear-facing north gable; a modern bathroom in the shed-roofed section between the two rear gables; non-historic floor and ceiling treatments; and fireplaces without surviving mantels. Other interior features include molded door and window surrounds; high molded baseboards; four-panel wood doors with metal and porcelain knobs; and a kitchen door with two vertical lights over one horizontal and two vertical panels.

The property's landscape includes a low concrete retaining wall that nearly surrounds the dwelling. On the south and west sides of the house, concrete walkways lead from breaks in the wall to the entries, where sets of concrete steps with brick cheek walls access the porch. The north entry on the west side is approached by a walkway off the walk leading to the south entry. Several large hardwood trees are located at and around the house, including three magnolias on the dwelling's west side. An asphalt drive extends from Macland Road to the rear of the dwelling along the west and north sides of the structure.

Four outbuildings are located on the property, all of them non-historic. The largest is a modern carport with metal supports, a metal roof, and a concrete slab floor. The carport is located off the northeast corner of the dwelling at the end of the asphalt driveway. Directly north of the carport is a modern metal utility shed. To the west of the carport and shed are a brick grill and a concrete block pump house with a plywood door and a composition asphalt shingle roof.

The community surrounding the property is mainly residential and rural in nature. A church is located on the south side of Macland Road across from the property, and an auto repair business is situated at the southwest corner of the Macland Road/Corner Road intersection.

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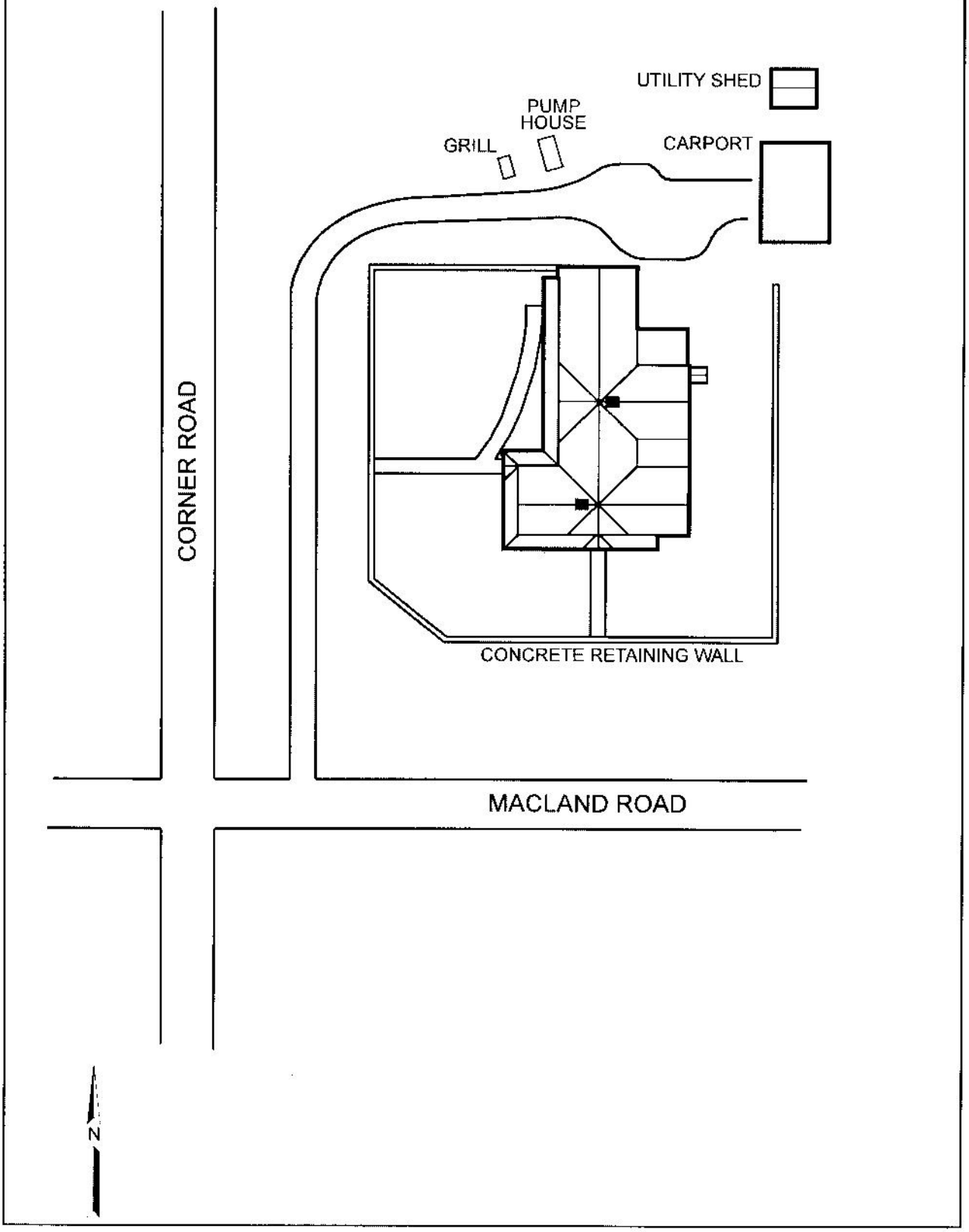
Project Information:

Construction of a new housing development on the property will necessitate the demolition of the dwelling and four outbuildings. The documentation process was conducted by TRC in August 2006 at the request of TBS Development, Inc., Marietta, Georgia. The work was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Historic Preservation Planner, Cobb County Community Development, Planning Division.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PUMP HOUSE
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CORNER ROAD
CONCRETE RETAINING WALL
MACLAND ROAD
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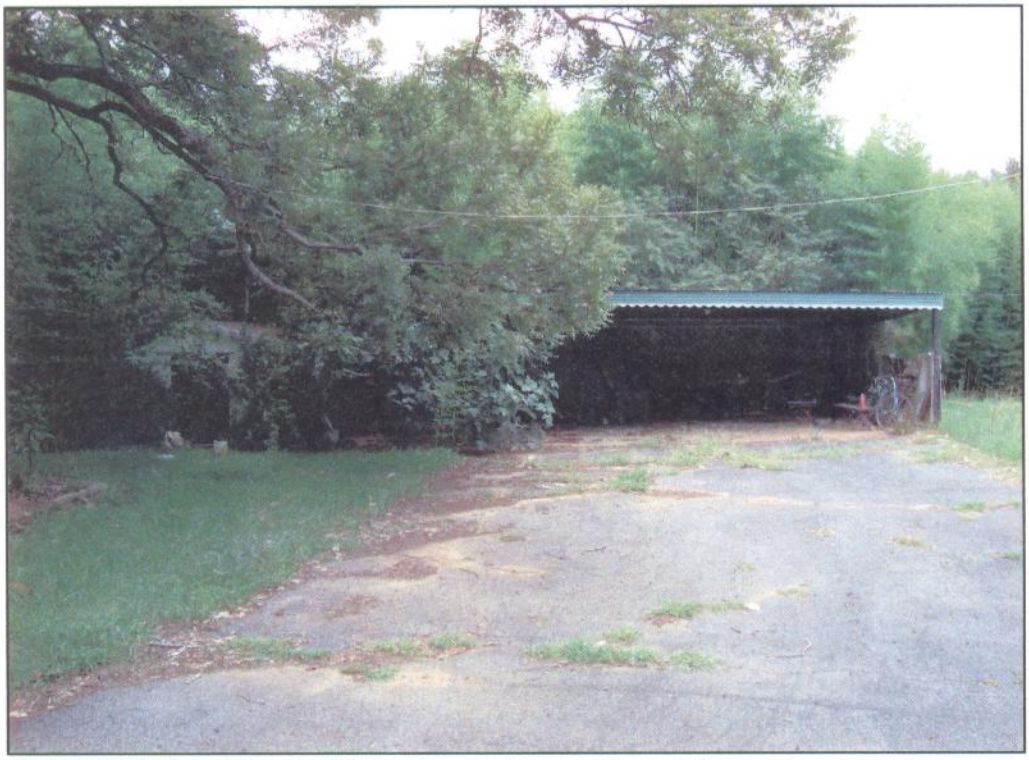
2. 5250 Macland Road, west side of dwelling, looking east.

3. 5250 Macland Road, grill and pump house, looking northwest.



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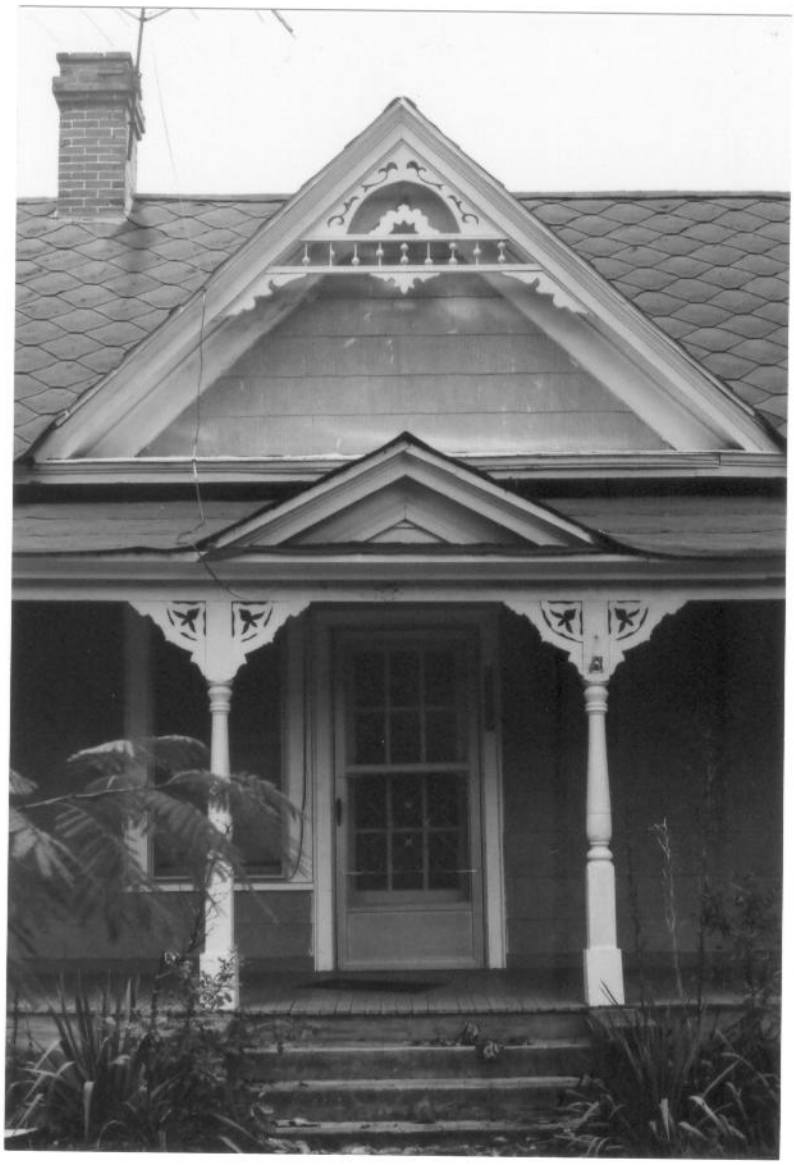
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