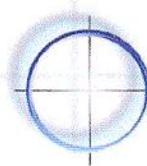
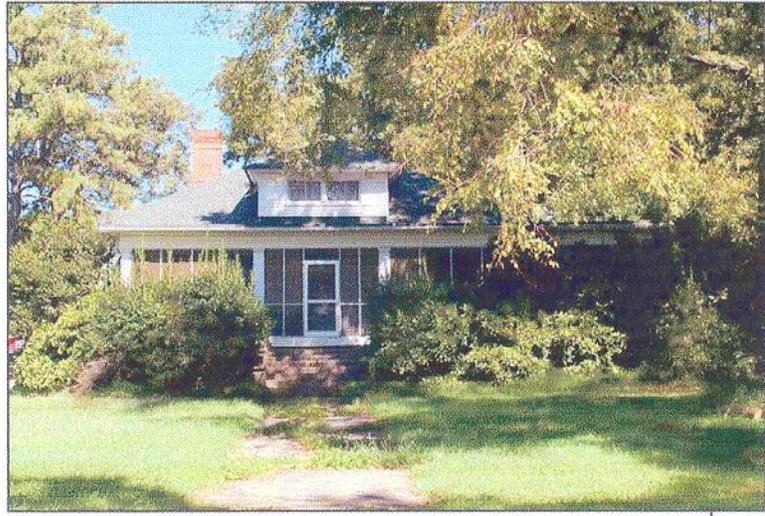


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Introduction

New South Associates was hired by Weaver & Woodbery Company to prepare a historic property documentation for 2789 Log Cabin Drive, in order to assist in their compliance with Cobb County historic preservation regulations. The documentation effort included two site visits during which the property and all existing structures were investigated and extensive digital photographs were taken. Additionally, a site plan and floor plan were completed and can be found following the property description. Historic research was also conducted to document the development of the area and the property itself.

Resource Description

2789 Log Cabin Drive is situated in unincorporated southeast Cobb County between the Chattahoochee River and I-285, in Land Lots 893 and 901 of the 17th District. The property encompasses three parcels of land totaling five acres. It is bounded on the southwest by Log Cabin Drive and on the northeast by the L & N Railroad right-of-way; to the northwest and southeast the property is bordered by new medium-density residential subdivisions. Frontage along Log Cabin Drive measures approximately 350 feet and is bordered by a white wood fence.

The property is generally level with a mature landscape including many large trees and established shrubs. Several pecan trees are located on the eastern half of the property; other tree species include oak, pine and magnolia. The main house faces a southwesterly direction and is set back approximately 150 feet from Log Cabin Drive. Several other structures also occupy the property including two additional houses, which have both been extensively altered and no longer possess integrity, a garage and several prefabricated and non-historic outbuildings (see attached site plan).

The main house, an Extended Hall-Parlor exhibiting no academic style, was erected in 1908. It is a rectangular, one-story, wood frame construction sheathed in vinyl siding. It sits approximately three feet above grade on what was originally an open brick pier foundation, which has since been filled in by concrete block. The historic core of the house (represented in green on the floor plan) is rectangular with slightly projecting walls centered on the side elevations. A moderately pitched hipped roof with two brick chimneys caps the house, which measures approximately 50 feet wide along the front façade by 90 feet in depth. Foundation plantings include camellia, holly, aucuba, nandina, azalea, and liriopé.

Two features dominate the front or southwest elevation, a shed roof front porch that spans the entire façade and a hipped dormer centered above it. The porch measures 47 feet wide by 9.5 feet deep (all measurements are width x depth) and is supported by a brick foundation (the only part of the house originally built on a continuous foundation) and five square columns placed approximately every 12 feet. The porch floor appears to be original, though the walls have been screened-in. Access to the porch is gained by a set of concrete and granite steps that span the length between the second and third column. The dormer provides light to the unfinished attic.

The front door is placed slightly off-center on the façade and is topped by a transom window, as are many of the original door openings in the house. It is flanked on the left by a pair of large one-over-one, double-hung sash windows, in which the top light is approximately half the size of the bottom light. Each window opening measures 3'8" x 6'6". To the right of the front door, there are also two windows of identical dimension; however, these windows are placed farther apart and only the one closest to the door is original to the house. The second window was added at a later date, when the side of the porch was closed in to accommodate a bathroom addition.

The floor plan of an Extended Hall-Parlor is slightly irregular with paired rooms of differing sizes, as is the case with this house, which was originally two rooms wide by three rooms deep for a total of six rooms and a hallway (see attached floor plan). The ceilings throughout the original portion of the house are 10' tall. Baseboards are 8" wide, interior trim measures 5", and windows are capped with a decorative crown. Floors throughout the house are wood, though some areas have been covered by carpet or linoleum. The majority of the walls in the historic portion of the house are plaster, repaired in the 1980s. All four of the original fireplaces and mantles have been either a completely or partially rebuilt. There is a fifth fireplace in the 1990s rear addition to the house.

The Hall (Room 1) is the largest of the rooms, at 24.5' x 15.5', and the first accessed upon entering the front door. Picture molding is hung about one-and-a-half feet from the ceiling. The fireplace on the northeast wall of the room has been completely rebuilt with new brick surround and mantle. To the right of the Hall, through a set of double French doors, is the Parlor (Room 2). It is slightly smaller, measuring 15.5' x 17.5'. The walls of this room are vertical wood siding; there is built-in shelving on the northwest wall of the room and a rebuilt fireplace situated diagonally in the east corner.

The two middle rooms of the house (Rooms 3 and 4) both measure 20' x 15' and are separated by a central hallway. They are delineated on the exterior of the house by walls that project slightly out from the core rectangle. Room 3 appears to have been intended as a bedroom and two closets, which flank the partially rebuilt fireplace, were part of the original design. Across the hallway, Room 4 served as a dining room. A tripartite window, with a fixed central component flanked by six-over-six double hung sash windows, occupies the southeast wall of the room. The walls in this room are wallpapered and there is a chair rail approximately three feet above the floor. A fireplace on the southwest wall still exhibits some of its original tile work.

Room 5, which is behind Room 3 at the rear of the house, also appears to have been intended as a bedroom with a closet on the southeast wall. This room is a bit smaller measuring 16' x 13'. Room 6 is the kitchen, and along with the pantry and a pass-through from the dining room measures 16' x 21'. This room projected from the rear elevation of the house and was capped by a hipped roof. From the appearance of the kitchen cabinets and fixtures, this room was remodeled in the 1980s. Between Rooms 5 and 6 is a hallway, half of which appears to have been a small recessed landing for the rear entrance, as evidenced by a historic window and ceiling that are still in place. Additional evidence can be found in the attic, where the original roof of the house is intact under the addition.

Additions were added to the house in two phases, the first of which is represented on the floor plan in yellow and is thought to have occurred between 1950 and 1970. At the front of the house on the southeast elevation, a portion of the porch was enclosed to accommodate a bathroom. At the rear of the house, a bathroom was also installed. It appears that this room could also have resulted from the enclosure of a porch. It is logical that there would have been a rear shed roof porch, but modern additions have obscured any proof of its existence. The second phase occurred in the 1980s-1990s (in purple on the floor plan). A large addition was added to the rear of the house, including a great room measuring 30' x 23', a walk-in closet, a two-car garage, and a bedroom above the garage. Additionally, the walls were replastered and the chimneys and fireplaces rebuilt. It was also at this time that the house, and every other permanent structure on the property, was sheathed in vinyl siding.

History

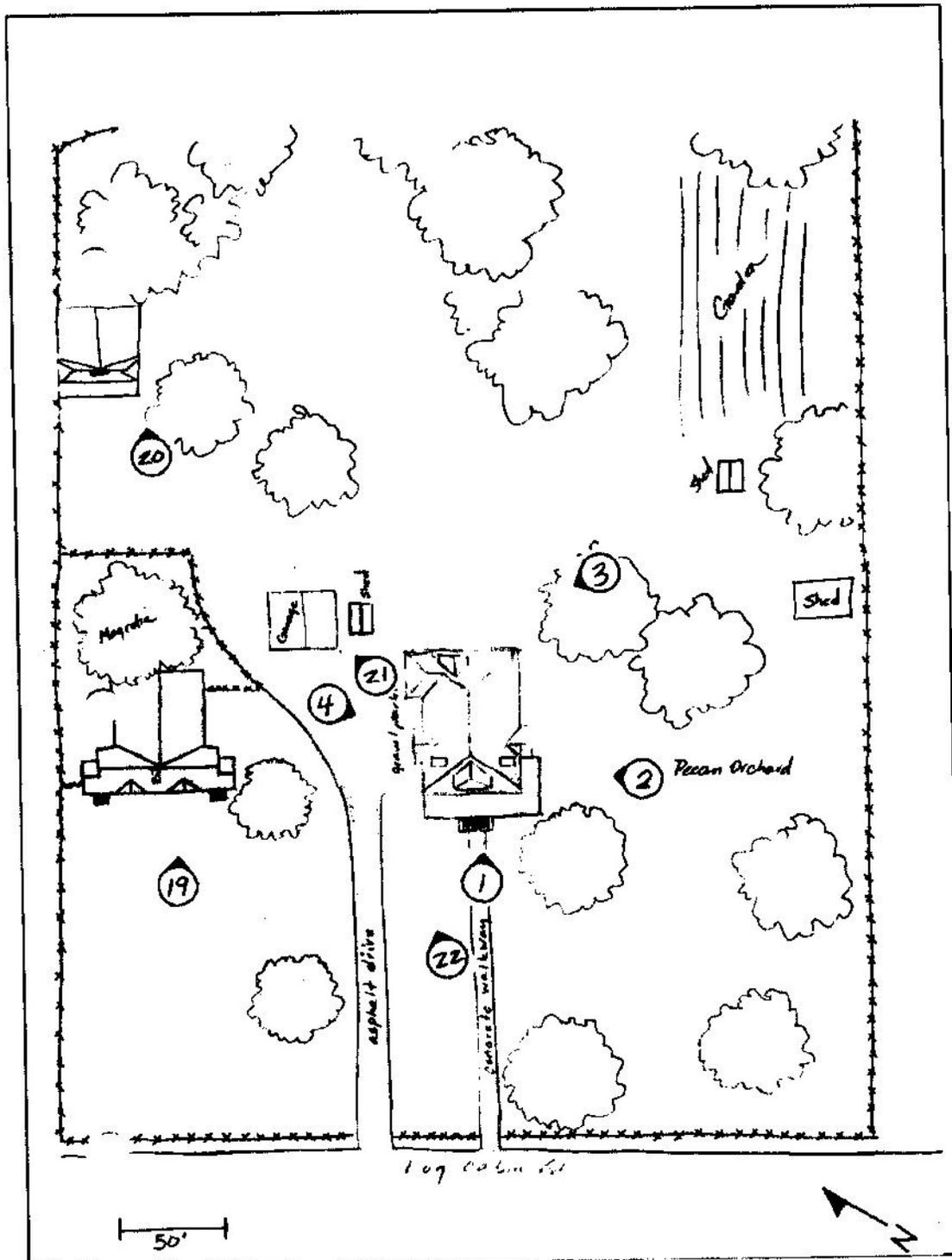
The house was constructed in 1908, following the completion of the Atlanta-Marietta Interurban Railway in 1905. This trolley line, which was the largest of its kind in the southeast, ferried commuters between Cobb County and Atlanta and prompted a good amount of suburban residential development near the stops along its line, a portion of which ran along Log Cabin Road. The lot on which the house is situated was included Lot 9 of a subdivision plotted for the Riverside Investment Company. The trolley stop nearest the Webb House was Carmichael's, named for the National Register of Historic Places listed J. H. Carmichael Farm and General Store, near the modern-day junction of Atlanta Road and I-285.

The house was constructed for the Webb family; Mrs. Webb was the sister of Atlanta Mayor James Key. The two other houses on the property were constructed during the Webb's tenancy. The small house near the rear of the property was reportedly a two-room servant's quarter; however, a large addition was added to the rear of the structure in the 1990s and extensive interior modifications have covered any remaining historic material. In the 1940s, a duplex was constructed on the northwest boundary of the property to house extended family. This structure has also experienced extensive interior alteration and a large rear addition.

The Webb's lived in the house until the 1950s, at which time the Adair family purchased the property and began the first phase of renovations on the main house. They also constructed a freestanding garage between the main house and the duplex. In 1981, the Dr. and Mrs. Wilson purchased the house and undertook the second phase of renovation. The Wilson's remained in the house until October 2006 when Weaver & Woodbery Company purchased the property. (Source: Dr. and Mrs. Wilson)

Though the house has been altered over the years, the historic core remains largely intact, and represents a distinctive architectural type recognized in the Historic Preservation Division's *Georgia's Living Places*. Additionally, the property is significant for its association with the suburban development of Cobb County.

**2789 Log Cabin Drive
Site Plan**





1. Front façade.



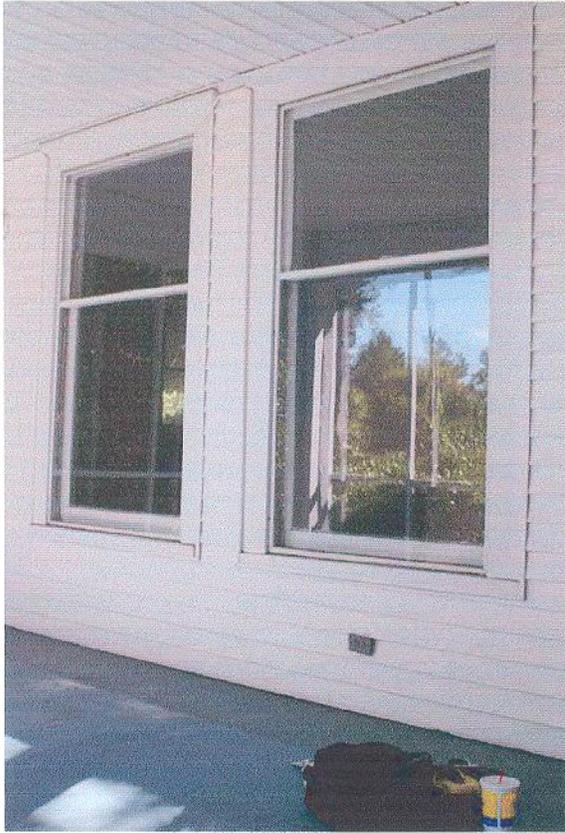
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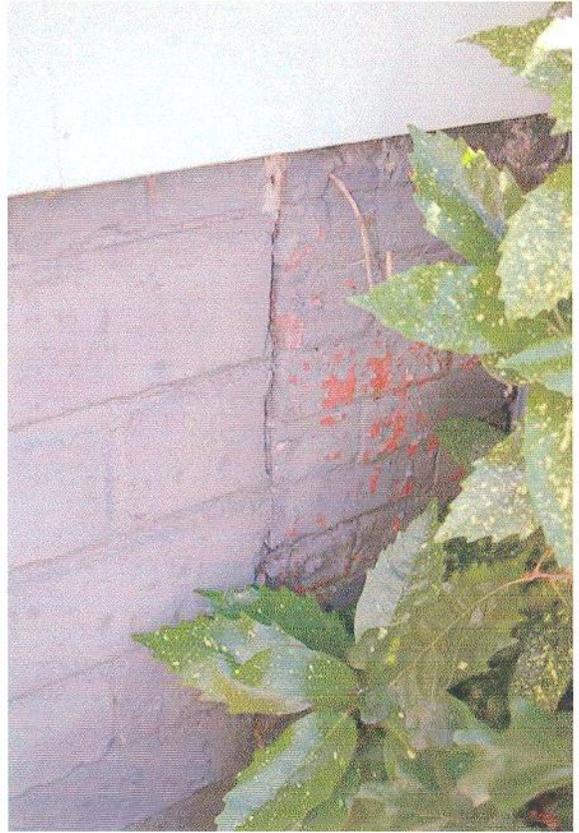
3. Northeast elevation.



4. Northwest elevation.



5. Windows to the right of the front door.



6. Foundation detail, original brick pier on right.



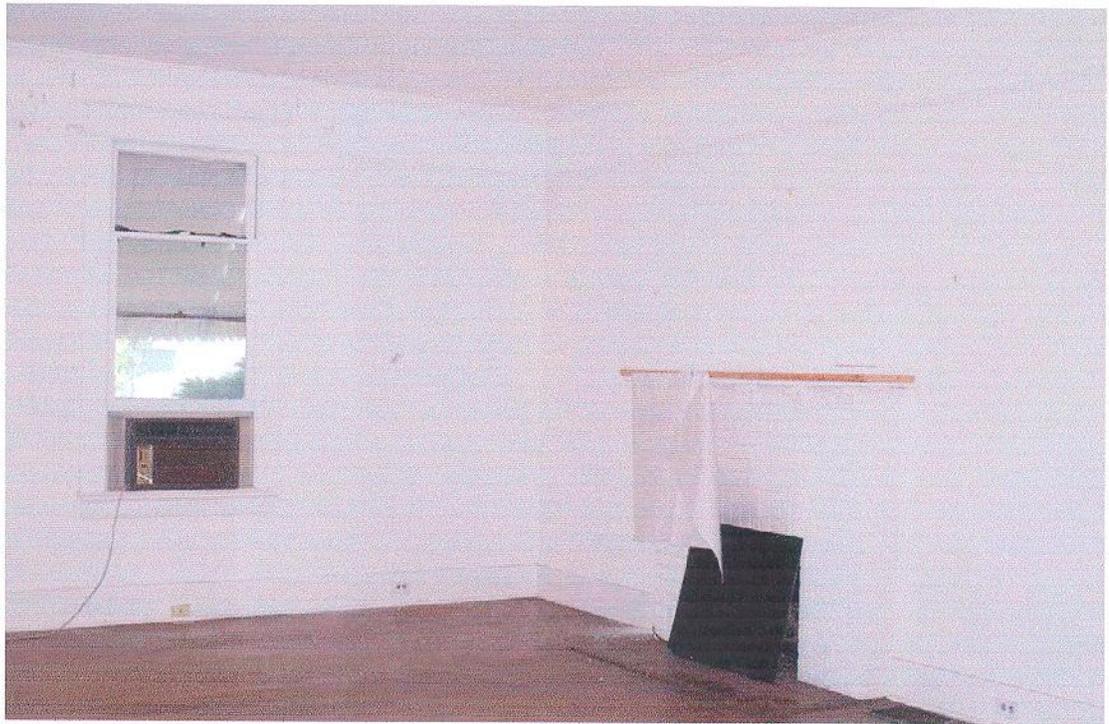
7. Porch, looking southeast.



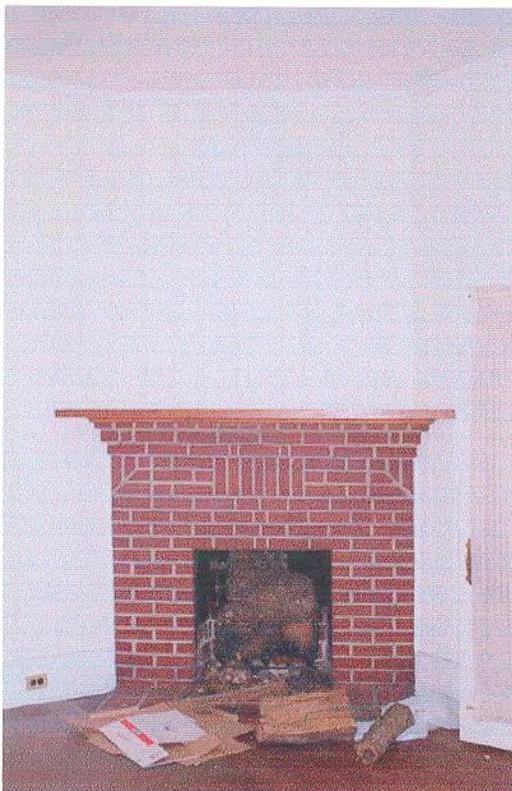
8. Room 1, looking southwest.



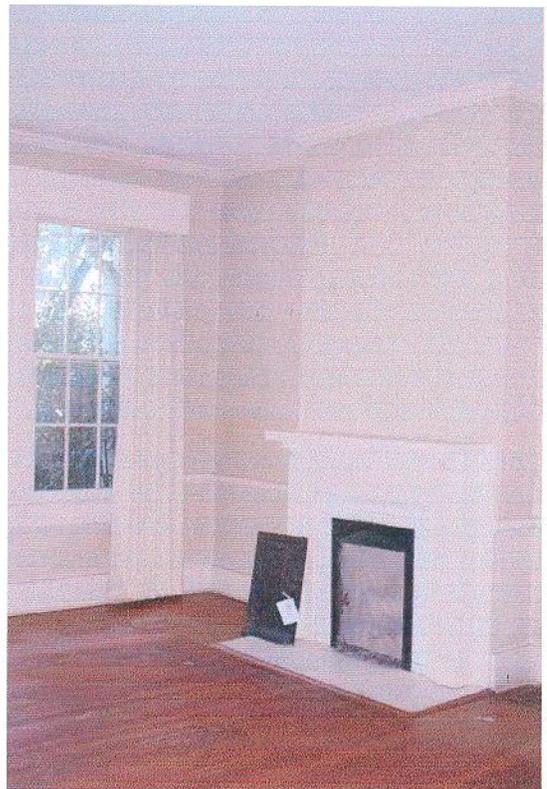
9. Room 1, looking southeast.



10. Room 1, looking northwest.



11. Room 2, looking southeast.



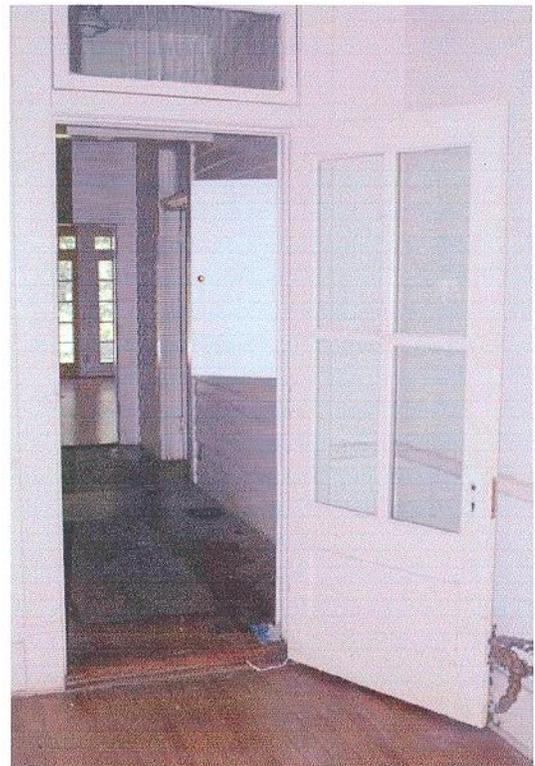
12. Room 4, looking southeast.



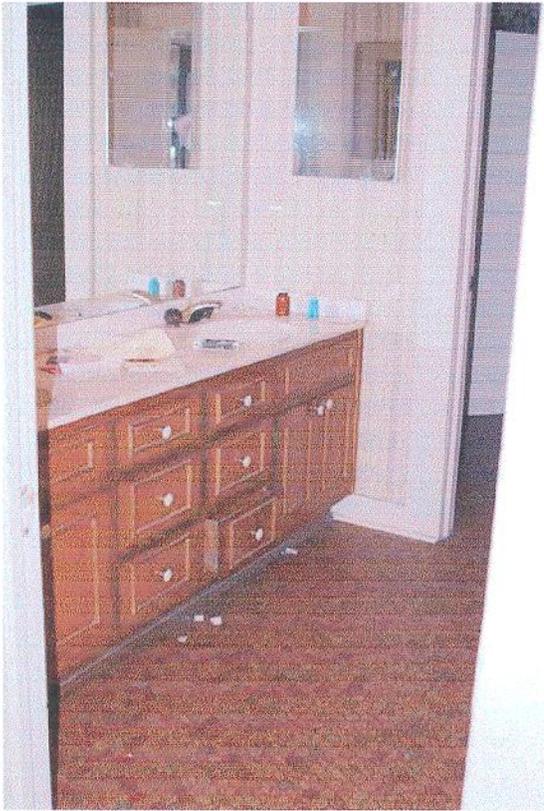
13. Room 3, looking west.



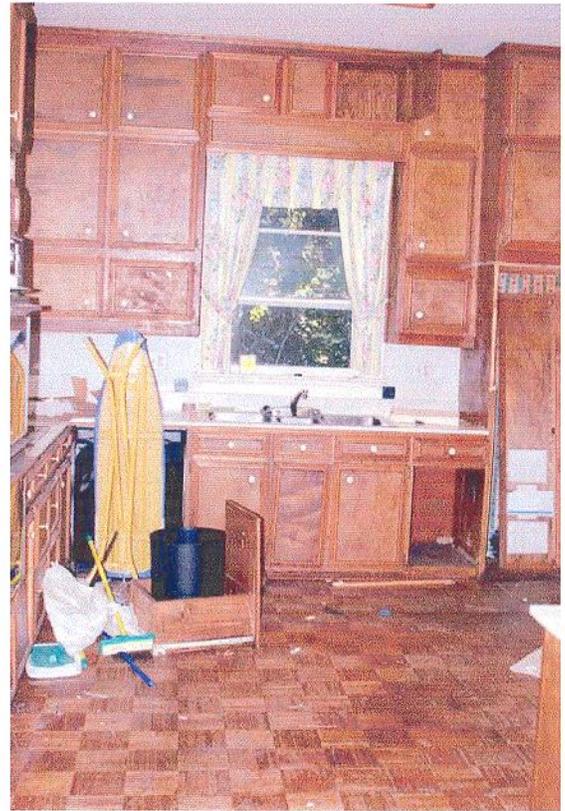
14. Hallway, looking southwest.



15. Hallway, looking east.



16. Rear bathroom, looking northwest.



17. Kitchen, looking southeast.



18. Great room, looking east.



19. Duplex, front façade.



20. Servant's quarter, front façade.



21. Garage.



22. Contextual view, with garage in center.

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 893 and 901 of the 17th District, 2nd section of Cobb County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the northeasterly right of way of Log Cabin Drive (60' right of way) 658.08 feet southeasterly from the northeasterly intersection of Log Cabin Drive and Woodland Brook Drive (50' right of way) as said roads are presently located; running thence South 50° 21' 01" East along the northeasterly right of way of Log Cabin Drive a distance of 52.62 feet to an iron pin set, running thence North 37° 05' 45" East a distance of 618.12 feet to an iron pin set (said iron pin being located on the southwestern right of way line of L&N Railroad); running thence northwesterly along said railroad right of way a distance of 67.5 feet to an iron pin found, running thence South 35° 44' 51" West a distance of 603.08 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract is a portion of the property known as Lot 9 of subdivision of Riverside Investment Company (per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 289, Cobb County, Georgia records) and is described herein according to survey by Carter Land Surveying Company, dated November 7, 1939.

